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TELEGRAMS.

TEST CRICKET.

AUSTRALIA'S START.

448 AGAINST AFRICA.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
via Bombay, May 27, 7.40 a.m.
Received, 11.50 a.m.

The first of the Triangular Test matches was commenced at Manchester on Monday, the Australians meeting the South African team.

Australia batted first, and compiled the splendid score of 448 before being dismissed.

Of those Bardsley contributed 121 and Kellaway 114.

The South Africans have made 10 for the loss of one wicket.

PRINCE OF WALES.

via Bombay, May 28, 7.40 a.m.
Received, 11.50 a.m.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has concluded his cruise with the French naval squadron and has returned to Paris.

OBITUARY.

London, May 27, 1 p.m.
Received, 28, 12.25 a.m.

The death is announced of Mary, the Dowager Duchess of Sutherland.

MOROCCO.

11 HOURS' FIGHTING.

via Bombay, May 27, 3.10 p.m.
Received, 7.10 p.m.

A message from Paris says fermentation in Morocco continues. The tribesmen made a determined combined night attack on Fez at 3 points, but were driven off after eleven hours fighting. Some of the enemy succeeded in entering the city, and a number of the defenders were wounded.

The French Minister of War has ordered the immediate despatch of reinforcements for Fez.

ANOTHER ATTACK.

Later.

Reuter's Paris correspondent states that there was another attack on Fez in the morning, but it was repulsed by the artillery. Some tribesmen again entered the city.

A French officer was killed, while 30 others were killed and wounded. The enemy's casualties were extremely heavy.

HUGE DEAL.

MORGAN CO.'S LATEST.

London, May 27, 5.40 a.m.
Received, 6 p.m.

Reuter's New York correspondent wires that the Morgan Company has made a gigantic deal, purchasing a hundred and seventy million dollars' worth of the New York underground railway extension shares. Many London and Paris bankers are participating.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME LABOUR CRISIS.

GUARDING FOOD SUPPLIES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

via Bombay, May 27, 3.10 p.m.
Received, 7.10 p.m.

A large force of police has been detailed for duty at London docks today to protect those unloading food cargoes. It is expected that the Smithfield butchers will endeavour to land consignments with their own employees. The butchers have applied to the police for the protection of the meat vans and the porters at the markets.

THE MILITARY.

No military movements have up to the present been announced, but it transpires that a Guards Brigade is encamped at Pirbright and ordered to be in readiness to return to London at a moment's notice. Mr. Asquith is constantly informed of the developments by wireless.

PASSENGERS' FLIGHT.

Passengers by the Orient liner Osterley from Australia have been obliged to take their own luggage from the vessel at Tilbury.

JAPANESE SYMPATHY.

The Japanese dockers have telegraphed to the London strikers wishing them success.

ONE WAY.

London, May 27, 1 p.m.
Received, 28, 12.25 a.m.

Protected by mounted police, the merchants took their men to the docks and secured supplies, much fruit and perishables thus being saved.

PORTERS OUT.

The Convent Garden Trade Union of Porters has now joined the strike; its members demanding recognition of the Union and better conditions.

But the non-Unionists have remained with their employers and say that with adequate protection the work of the market can be maintained.

Trade Union pickets are working actively.

STRIKERS OUTWITTED.

via Bombay, May 28, 7.40 a.m.
Received 11.50 a.m.

A cargo of Argentine meat which has arrived at the docks is being immediately unloaded under the protection of the police, the masters using motor lorries.

The strikers are furious at this development, but are frightened to interfere as they might have done in the case of the vehicles being horse-drawn.

SIZE OF LINERS.

A LIMIT INADVISABLE.

London, May 27, 5.40 a.m.
Received, 6 p.m.

Reuter's Philadelphia correspondent states that the International Navigation Congress has declined to accept a resolution limiting the size of liners. They have declared that the "Titanic" disaster was not due to the size of the vessel; on the contrary a smaller ship would have sunk like a stone, increasing the magnitude of the catastrophe.

TELEGRAMS.

THE CUBAN TROUBLE.

U.S. BATTLESHIPS MOVE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, May 27, 5.40 a.m.
Received, 6 p.m.

A message from Reuter's New York correspondent states that five battleships have proceeded to Key West.

TOWN THREATENED.

London, May 27, 5.25 p.m.
Received, 28, 3.50 a.m.

The "New York Herald's" Havana correspondent says the British firm of Brooks and Co. has informed the British Minister that the town of Central Remedie is menaced with destruction within 72 hours.

NO INTERFERENCE.

Reuter's Jersey City correspondent says that President Taft has despatched a message reassuring President Gomez that he will not interfere in Cuba.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

(From Chinese Sources.)

Peking, May 27.

The Ministry of War has telegraphed to Governor Generals of the various provinces stating that in future if they want to purchase arms or ammunition, they should report to the Ministry before making contracts.

ROYALIST PLOT.

The members of the Terrorist Society formed by the Imperial Family are reported to have secretly entered Peking by way of the Three Eastern Provinces. They are spreading the propaganda against the Republic. — "Shan Po."

CHINESE IN U.S.A.

Shanghai, May 27.

The Chinese residents in America have telegraphed to the Central Government reporting the alleged passage of the Exclusion Act against Chinese entering America. The senders of the telegram beg that representation should be made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister in Peking regarding this matter.

CHINESE AND MANCHUS.

Chao Ki-mee and Wong Yun-man have telegraphed to President Yuan suggesting that the racial prejudice between the Chinese and the Manchus should be wiped out. President Yuan has therefore ordered the destruction of the books reflecting on Manchurians.

OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION.

The Chinese residents abroad will be represented by six members on the State Council.

OFFICIALS AND PRESS WORK.

The Law department has made it a rule that officials are forbidden to associate themselves with the Press. — "Sai Kai Kung Yak Po."

TELEGRAMS.

"GENERAL" BOOTH.

HEALTH FAILING.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, May 27, 1 p.m.
Received 28, 12.25 a.m.

"General" Booth, the veteran head of the Salvation Army, is not so well.

His Majesty the King has requested to be kept informed of his condition.

IMPERIAL PROBLEMS.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S SPEECH.

London, May 27, 3.40 a.m.
Received, 4.25 p.m.

A message from Ottawa states that the Duke of Connaught, during the course of an eloquent speech at the Empire Club banquet, said: "Probably never in our time have the thoughts of the Empire builders been so deeply centred upon problems with which they are confronted. For Canada, these problems have the deepest significance, owing to the prominent position she rightly holds." It should not be forgotten that the Empire was always foremost in promoting the liberties of its populations.

CANTON NEWS.

Another Exodus.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)
Canton, May 25.

In view of constant rumours of the possibility of another revolt in the city, which is causing residents to leave in large numbers, the Governor-General has issued a proclamation advising the people to remain at ease. He points out that the measures which are being taken for discovering arms stored in residences are not due to fears of an outbreak, but are merely adopted to remove danger. The spreading of alarmist rumours is, he says, the work of evil-doers and he urges the people not to be misled by the reports.

Too Many Executions.

The members of the Provincial Council have written the Governor-General denouncing the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Chan King-wa, for exceeding his authority. They accuse him of summarily punishing offenders who should have been handed over to the Court for trial, and state that he has wrongfully caused 14 prisoners to be beheaded and 105 to be shot. The members consider that the Commissioner is acting contrary to law and is "too fond of having people shot for nothing." The petitioners request that the Commissioner be tried at law for his acts, in the interests of humanity and for the maintenance of peace.

Loan Repayment.

Mr. Li Yuk-tong, formerly Commissioner of Finance, has written the Hongkong Bureau for the raising of funds for the Canton Government, explaining the slight delay in paying off the loans and stating that he has now brought the money down to Hongkong and placed it in the care of the Bank of Canton, and bondholders are requested to redeem their bonds at the Bank.

TELEGRAMS.

QUEENSLAND ELECTIONS.

GOVERNMENT VICTORY.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, May 27, 5.25 p.m.
Received, 28, 3.50 a.m.

A Brisbane message states that the complete Election returns are:—

Government 47.
Opposition 25.

This is the largest majority secured since the establishment of responsible government.

MONGOLIA.

EXPULSION OF CHINESE.

via Bombay, May 27, 3.10 p.m.
Received, 7.10 p.m.

St. Petersburg's correspondent

reports that a telegram from Urga states that the Mongolian authorities have ordered the expulsion of

Chinese from the town.

DISGUISED AS WOMEN.

American Gamblers Escape from Titanic

An extraordinary story is reported in New York of the escape from the sinking Titanic of two well-known gamblers who for some years have frequented the Atlantic liners, and against whose card-sharpping tricks notices have been posted on various ships, and actually were posted in the smoke-room of the Titanic when she left Southampton.

The two men are known as "Doc Owen" and "Kid Homer," and they were playing with a third when the crash came. Learning that there was no hope for the Titanic they decided to try to get away in one of the boats. Those in authority, however, were allowing only women and children to go. "Doc Owen" therefore got hold of a steward, who, it is alleged, had been paid to keep the identity of the gamblers secret during the voyage; and, giving him a roll of bank-notes, got him to furnish women's clothing and hats.

Dressed in these clothes, the two men hurried to the deck and leaped into a lifeboat filled with women just as it was being lowered. Afterwards they stripped themselves of the women's clothes, which they threw overboard. The boat they were in was filled with immigrant women and children, and did not have enough men to work the oars. Accordingly their assistance was welcomed.

TELEGRAMS.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

SUGGESTED ALLIANCE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, May 27, 3.40 a.m.
Received, 4.25 p.m.

Replying to suggestions from various quarters that the Anglo-French entente should be converted into an alliance, the "Manchester Guardian" makes a significant statement. The journal declares that there is no ground for such a perilous change in our policy, which would render the international system more unstable. It would greatly increase the prospect of a European war.

FRENCH OPINION.

London, May 27, 1 p.m.
Received, 28, 12.25 a.m.

French opinion is that there are many difficulties in the way of the suggested alliance, especially the inadequacy of Britain's Army.

CANTON'S FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

The Latest Suggestion.

It is well-known that the financial situation at Canton is severely strained, and numerous suggestions have been made to solve the problem. According to our Canton correspondent, the latest remedy prescribed is one emanating from the new Commissioner of Finance, Mr. Liu Chung-hoi, which is to the effect that a semi-official Bank be established in the city. The idea is that this Bank should have the sole privilege of issuing provincial bank notes to the extent of fifty million dollars, and against the circulation of these notes, the "patriotic bond" (Government bank notes, silver coins, bar silver, gold coins, etc.) should be offered as security. It is suggested that the Bank should pay a tax of 5 per cent per annum to the Government, to be based on the daily circulation of the notes. Further, the Bank should have 25 per cent of silver coins in reserve against the circulation of notes, in addition to the other securities named. The suggested term for the enjoyment of the privilege of circulating the notes is 15 years, and the Bank may make use of funds deposited by the Government without payment of interest.

In return, the Government, it is suggested, should be permitted to overdraw at the Bank to the extent of three millions dollars, the overdraft to last for a term not exceeding six months. As soon as the new notes are placed on the market, the old issues should be withdrawn, and three years is suggested as the period for the redemption of all Government notes. A further suggestion is that the Bank should advance the Government three million dollars to buy silver for minting purposes, the money minted to be handed over to the Bank for circulation. The Commissioner further suggests that the Government should appoint auditors to investigate the activities of the Bank. No mention is made of the extent of capital, or whether it is to be subscribed by the merchants or the Government. The Governor General has now instructed the Commissioner for the Promotion of Industries to confer with the Financial Commissioner on the scheme.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

Telegrams.

In the first of the Triangular Test matches Australia compiled 448 against the Africans, whose score is 10 for one wicket.

The London strikers are being cleverly outwitted by the masters who are taking away cargo by means of motor lorries, the men being frightened to interfere as they might worsen the vehicles horse-drawn.

By taking their men to the London docks under mounted police protection, merchants have been able to secure supplies of perishable commodities. Covent Garden porters now threaten to strike, but the non-Unionists say that the work of the market can be maintained.

Suggestions of converting the entente with France into an Alliance have not been very favourably received, it being asserted that such a step would increase the possibility of a European war.

The death is announced of the Dowager Duchess of Sutherland.

"General" Booth is not so well, and H.M. the King is being kept informed of his condition.

The Queensland Government has secured a majority of 22 in the general election, the largest since the establishment of responsible government.

President Taft has informed President Gomez that the United States will not intervene in Cuba.

The Duke of Connaught delivered an eloquent speech at the Empire Club banquet at Ottawa, when he referred to the prominent part which Canada plays in facing Imperial problems.

The Morgan Company has purchased 170 million dollars worth of New York Underground Railway Extension shares.

The International Navigation Congress at Philadelphia has declined to accept a resolution limiting the size of liners.

The Moorish tribesmen have made a night attack on Fez from three points, but were driven off after eleven hours fighting.

Japanese dockers have telegraphed wishing the London strikers success.

LOCAL.

The management of the Baltimore Hotel was fined \$100 at the Police Court, to-day, for allowing prostitutes to use the hotel for an unlawful purpose. The defence was that the boys brought the women to the guests unknown to the management.

A fight in a tea shop at West Point resulted in one man being injured and sent to hospital.

A hat snatcher who saw that he had been observed by a European policeman, jumped into the harbour. He was fished out, however, and received three months' hard labour this morning.

When a case concerning unstamped receipts came up at the Police Court this morning, it came out that two of three partners of a Chinese firm had gone away, one of them clearing the safe before leaving.

The three men charged with the murder of a youth at Yau-mat were again remanded at the Police Court this morning.

Eight overhead fans have been installed above the counters in the General Post Office.

Abraham Mohamed, quartermaster on board the s.s. Tan, declined to go on watch when the chief officer asked him on May 24. He is now doing one month with hard labour.

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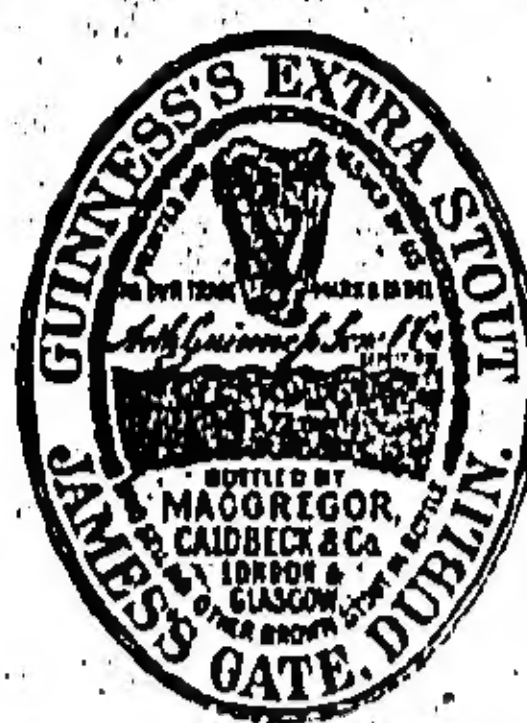
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

China Mail.

The Latest Army Order.

With the introduction of the new Order, what guarantee have the public that they and their property will be adequately safeguarded? We repeat that we deplore this new Order and look upon it as a truckling of the Government to Trade Union leaders and a concession to those who have never shown themselves too well-disposed to good order when stirred by industrial unrest or political prejudice. We hope, however, that the trust imposed will not result in anything that would indicate that it has been grievously misplaced.

Daily Press.

The Industrial Problem.

We are told that Tariff Reform will lead to greater employment as well as to higher wages for the producer. The conclusion seems to us at any rate extremely problematical. The exclusion of imports to any considerable extent would, first of all, throw out of employment thousands of men who are now engaged in handling these imports. But the advocates of Tariff Reform will reply that the men so displaced would quickly be absorbed in the industrial works of the country which would instantly experience the benefits of a larger demand for their products in consequence of the protection which the Tariff would afford them from foreign competition. Granted that it will be so. As soon as foreign competition is excluded, the workmen will look for their share in the benefit, in the form of high wages. Higher wages mean increased cost of the product to the consumer and the next important consideration is: What effect is this increased cost of the product likely to have upon the great export trade of the United Kingdom? That trade at the present time is valued roughly at £550,000,000 sterling annually, of which more than two-thirds go to foreign countries and the balance to various parts of the British Empire. If the cost of British manufactures is increased it follows that this merchandise is placed at a serious disadvantage in the markets of the world, and thus, if, as is conceivable, the export trade of the country is seriously diminished, it leaves the labour situation unimproved.

South China Morning Post.

Strike in England.

Last summer, there were sinister suggestions made as to an industrial war being waged on behalf of the port workers of England. Messrs. Gosling and Tillett made no disguise of facts when addressing large meetings of workers, and we have little doubt that were the lightermen, transport and gasworkers in a strong financial position last year when the disastrous railway strike was in operation work would have been abandoned on a more extensive scale than evenuated so as to make doubly effective the clamorous claims of various industrial sections. Even now a tremendous loss will be entailed if the present strike is a protracted one. We recall vividly to mind the terrible state of the port of London last year, when hundreds of ships lay idle, unable to discharge one ounce of cargo. Thousands of tons of food rotted while want was acutely felt in many a dreary desolate home. We sincerely hope the present cleavage will be of a temporary character, and that men on all sides will not be so lost to reason as to sacrifice the national weal for selfish ends.

ROOSEVELTITES REJOICE AT MANILA.

A meeting of the Philippine Roosevelt Club, held on May 23, in the banquet hall of the Hotel Metropole, Manila, gave many the opportunity of showing their joy over the recent victory in Ohio. A number of short impromptu speeches were made, the speakers being "called" for by the audience. The 13th Infantry band was very much in evidence, playing after each speech.

NEWS FROM HOME.

ENGLAND.

London.

The alterations which have been in progress at the Hotel Cecil for some time past are now completed, and the new Palm Courts are available for public use. The carriage approach through the Strand arch has been reduced to one-third of its former size. The floor space thus obtained, with the site of the lounge, which has also been absorbed, has been converted into two Palm Courts. The whole of the construction is fire-resisting. All the decorations have been carried out in the Louis Quatorze style.

The Public Health Committee of the Green Borough Council, recommend complete reconstruction as the only stop, which can materially improve the condition of the Brady-street area. Sixty per cent. of the houses are unfit for habitation, and 33 per cent. are more or less bad. The annual general death-rate is 25 per 1,000, as compared with 17 per 1,000 for the whole of the borough, and the consumption mortality is double the general average.

One of Messrs. Pickford's trollies was crossing the open space at the northern end of Blackfriars Bridge when the horse got out of control. With a bound forward it threw the driver from his seat and the wheels passed over him. The horse then ran along Queen Victoria-street and was stopped near the Civil Service Stores by Police-constable Thredgold after a hard struggle. The driver was removed to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

At an inquest held at Chelsea on the body of Sarah Townrow, of Gertrude-street, Chelsea, Charlotte Griffith said that she sent her little boy to Mrs. Townrow's bed room with a cup of tea. A few minutes later the boy returned saying that a cat which had been sitting on Mrs. Townrow's shoulder had flown at him, and knocked the cup of tea out of his hands. On going upstairs the witness found her dead in bed. The coroner said it was the first time he had ever heard of a cat protecting a body. A verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned.

William Ward, the man arrested at Perth, Western Australia, on a charge of murdering Ernest Smith, tradesman, at Clewick three and a half years ago, was brought before the Bench at Acton Police Court. Smith was fatally injured by a stab in the temple from a steel-pointed umbrella in October, 1908. Ward was arrested in January last, and was brought to England by Detective-Inspector Knell and Warrant Officer Taylor, who arrived at Tibbury the other morning. The Chairman remanded the prisoner.

A woman was stabbed early one morning recently in a house in Ormond-yard, Holborn. A man who is stated to be her husband was afterwards arrested by the police. The couple had been to visit friends and returned to their home at about 12 o'clock on a Sunday night. Shortly after they entered the house sounds of quarrelling were heard by the neighbours. The police were subsequently summoned, and on an entrance to the house being made the woman was discovered dead, having been stabbed with a table-knife.

Late one night last month Francois Gregorio Maurier Cortvienti, a married man of Belgian extraction, and Eugenie Goddard, the divorced wife of a London hairdresser, were found in a dying state on the pavement in Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park. They were found to have received severe stabs in the breast, and both died after admission to the West London Hospital. It is said that Cortvienti's wife had charge of Goddard's child, and by this means the two victims had become very friendly. Cortvienti, who was employed as a night messenger at Fleet-street Post Office, was of a jealous disposition. It is supposed that he and Goddard met in the street and after a brief altercation the stabbing took place.

There was a surprise in store for the children who went to Kensington Gardens to feed the ducks in the Serpentine on May 1. Down by the little bay on the south-western side of the tail of

the Serpentine they found a May-day gift by Mr. J. M. Barrie, a figure of Peter Pan blowing his pipe on the stump of a tree with fairies and mice and squirrels all around. It is the work of Sir George Frampton, and the bronze figure of the boy who would not grow up is delightfully conceived. It was the wish of Mr. Barrie and of Sir George Frampton that there should be no formal unveiling, and the Office of Works fell in with a happy idea.

The Finance Committee of the L.C.C. has reported to the Council that the estimates of expenditure for 1912-13 on rate and debt accounts taken as a whole, amount to £11,401,181. The estimated income, other than that to be raised by the county contributions and existing balances brought forward is £10,377,460, giving a net expenditure of £2,463,721, of which £2,087,106 is to be raised by rate, the remainder being provided out of balances. The rate is to remain at 1s. 5d. in the pound, the education rate, which is additional, being 1s. 9d. 1-2 in the pound.

SCOTLAND.

The Scottish shipbuilding statistics for April show that trade continues to be very satisfactory. The month's launches consisted of 43 vessels of 66,379 tons. Of these 32 vessels of 63,764 tons were built on the Clyde, and the others on the east coast. The Clyde total for the four months consists of 88 vessels of 100,104 tons, as compared with 84 vessels of 163,510 tons in the corresponding period of 1911—an increase in vessels of four and in measurement of 35,564 tons. The tonnage is the largest recorded.

Fifeshire.

It is likely that there will be some extensive developments in connection with the Fifeshire coal trade. A Dunfermline firm have started boring operations to the west of the village of Comrie, and they hope to tap what is known as the Dunfermline splint seam, but to do this they will have to go to a depth 300 fathoms. In connection with the new colliery at Blairhall—also near Dunfermline—houses are to be erected for about 1,000 workmen, and it is expected that this district will become one of the most important mining centres in Fifeshire.

Leith.

A fire broke out in an ancient building at St. Anthony's, Leith, occupying the site of the monastery of St. Anthony, which was erected about 1430, considerable damage being done. It is doubtful whether there is much of the original masonry in the present building, but the vaults beneath may still be explored. These extend for a considerable distance in different directions. The building is now a clay-pipe manufactory belonging to Mr. W. Christie. The top storey of the building was burned out, and much damage was done by water in the two towers beneath.

IRELAND.

Kilderry.

In the Nisi Prius Court before Mr. Justice Bodd and a County Dublin jury two young men, Patrick Donnellan and Thomas Sullivan, were charged with having maliciously wounded John Hynes at Kilderry in county Clare. The value of the trial on the application of the Crown had been changed to Dublin. The Attorney-General described the scene of the outrage as a plague spot on this map of Ireland. On the evening when he was shot, Hynes was returning from his farm in a donkey cart. Two shots were fired from a clump of furze bushes on the roadside, and on looking round he saw the prisoners with guns in their hands. He was wounded in the shoulder and his jaw was broken. Hynes appeared to have made himself obnoxious by taking some land in a boycotted district. The defence was in *alibi*. The jury, after a long deliberation, could not agree, and they were discharged. The prisoners were put back.

Tipperary.

The House of Mr. John Doherty, farmer and district councillor at Ardcroney, has been damaged by a bomb which had been placed on a window-sill. A second bomb was found with the fuse burning, but Doherty rushed out and threw it away. Hugh Hagan, farmer, a relative of Doherty, has been arrested.

WOMEN'S WORLD.

[Items of interest to women, notices of forthcoming and notes on recent social events, and kindred paragraphs will be cordially welcomed. The co-operation of our lady readers is asked in order to make this feature at once especially interesting and useful.]

ALTERED IDEAL IN CLOTHING AND FEEDING THE BABIES.

"Baby-raising is full of do's that become don't's," said the woman who had recently ceased to be the College Graduate and become the Scientific Young Mother. "When my mother had me, she was carefully instructed to keep my feet swaddled. I am a whole body straight, so that I should go a right start in life. It's twenty-five years later, and look at little Sam." Little Sam kicked up his heels in bare-legged glee by way of illustration. The Scientific Young Mother went to a chest and drew out some yellowed little garments and laid them on the floor, by way of further illustration.

"Consider the stiff ruffles and those yards of embroidered uselessness! Consider that pinning blanket, with its inquisitorial power of repression! Consider the length and strength of that binder! A good many years of my life must have gone into the effort to live down that binder, after I once got out of it. Look what little Sam wears."

What little Sam wore was a bias, unhemmed strip of flannel, elastic and yielding, but a support to his abdominal muscles until they should get stronger. Above it was a tiny shirt of fine soft material, part silk and part wool, because the mixed weave shrank less in washing than the all-wool. His dress was a little slip that hung loose from the shoulders and covered his feet—when he was not kicking. It didn't have any tucks, and it didn't have any embroidery; it didn't have any kind of trimming; it was just a little scrap of exquisitely fine material, adapted for the baby's comfort, instead of for the admiration of his mother's friends.

"In a tenement not far from Henry Street I found a woman the other day letting her year-old baby eat sauerkraut, some of that awful sauerkraut that the peddlers sell from their street buckets," continued the Scientific young Mother. Having a baby of her own she made her anti-social as yet. As a matter of fact, having a baby of her own she gave her a rather livelier interest in other people's babies, and she has resumed her settlement work with a new and softer, and rather more understanding, ardor. "One of the things that educated mothers are learning to-day—and have to pass on to the uneducated—is the importance of nutrition to a child in its first years. You know, it used to be the fashion to blame babies on God, coming and going. If you had a baby, God sent it. If you lost a baby, God took it. Nowadays it is not easy to shut your eyes and shift the responsibility. Eugenics has begun to make it clear that, if you have a baby you've got to have the right kind of baby, and public health education is beginning to show that it won't do to blame Providence for the results of putting pickles and puddings into a digestive tract that can't manage them. At birth, a baby's digestive apparatus is undeveloped and delicate and feeble, and fearful and wonderfully important. Until birth, the baby's supply of food has reached it in predigested form through the blood of the mother. The baby has not had to do a thing. After it is born it must begin to digest its own food and absorb it through the digestive tract. It is a big change, because, while some power of digestion comes with birth, it is not a developed power. Only foods that require little change can be utilized by the newly born baby. It needs protein, carbohydrates, fat, sugar, and water, just as much—given more, may be—than an adult; but they come to it in a

similable form. It can't do much on its own account to make them assimilable."

"Oh, yes," she added, as she picked up little Sam and started off with him, "another thing that modern mothers have learned is to give their babies a drink when they are thirsty. To be a baby used to be as bad as to have the typhoid fever. Nobody would give you any water. Nowadays it is recognized that babies and fever both have a right to all the water wanted."

Elegance in dress is too often confounded with extravagance in dress. That is one of the big errors. What is really needed to make the art of dressing bless him that looks and her that wears is intelligent dressing; and that is a subject worth any woman's study, not to the exclusion of all else—any one subject, alone, will unbalance the mind—but enough to make her a mistress in it. If she cannot be that, let her do as we do in all other lines where we wish the best results apply to a specialist; for dressing, after all is only another human problem.

DOMESTIC HYGIENE.

How to Maintain Health in Hot Climates.

The question of health in hot countries practically resolves itself in the overcoming of the difficulties due to extremes of temperature, dryness, moisture and miasmata. These, in their turn, are affected by questions of food, drink, clothing, lodging, exercise and recreation.

Light woollen underclothing is a cardinal point in health, and a so-called "cholera belt" is often of great value. Exposure to the direct solar heat or a high temperature in the shade should be avoided, and so should stimulating or rich food and alcoholic drinks, the latter being taken in extreme moderation, if used at all. The diet should be plain and simple, and an excess of animal food should be rigorously avoided, with the view of obviating dyspepsia, congestion of the liver, interference with assimilation and plethora.

Every authority states that people in tropical countries eat more than they can assimilate or is needed for their nutrition. The result is they get deranged digestion, disordered liver, bowel complaints, and their power of assimilation is greatly reduced.

How to Avoid Listlessness.

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THE PRESENT DISCONTENT.

The almost unbroken succession of strikes and threats of strikes at Home still continues. Britain is on the verge of another labour war which may assume as calamitous proportions as did its immediate predecessor, and it is worth while considering certain facts and circumstances touching this state of matters. Trade unions are stronger than ever they were, and are more free to negotiate, there is a Labour Party in Parliament, and the Government in power is particularly lavish in legislation intended to conciliate the workers. The Miners' Eight Hours Act, an amended Compensation Act, the Trade Boards Act, the recent Mines Act, and Old Age Pensions are all measures which were intended to improve the lot of the worker. On the face of it, he ought to be more contented than ever before; as a matter of simple fact, he was seldom more discontented.

The question, therefore, is whether Home workers strike to-day over trifles which would have been passed unnoticed a few years ago or whether their grievances are actually well founded. Probably the truth lies midway between those two possibilities. More democratic measures, originated in Liberalism and venerated by Socialism, have no doubt whetted the appetite of the workers for more. But it is equally true that, in recent years, wages have not risen on the whole. Board of Trade returns prove that, in seven years out of ten, they have actually gone down. Relative to the increased cost of living, wages have gone down very considerably, and if we remember that unemployment is growing steadily more acute and that a man's yearly earnings are thus more likely to be reduced, it will be understood that there is some ground, after all, for the discontent. We are not condoning the unrest and the foolish agitation which have marked the last few years. We seek merely to arrive at the truth, which is not all on one side.

But we have to go deeper still to find the root cause. Why should the wages of the men have gone down, relatively in many cases and actually in others, in face of the fact that they possess a Labour Party in Parliament and huge organisations for attack and defence? The simple truth is that the men are badly led, and they know it. They do not trust the Labour Party which, from their point of view, has become merely a wing of the Liberal Party and has never justified its existence. They do not trust the leaders of the Unions, who, with the best of the leaders entering Parliament, are, for the most part, inexperienced. They are ready at any time to kick over the traces and to disobey the advice of the men they have chosen to guide them and whom they follow only when the way they are being led is the way they wish to go. So long as the trade unions remained purely industrial bodies, devoted to improving the lot of the workers, so long they were actually and actively useful. From the moment that they entered the political arena, matters began to go ill. And it is possible to trace the growth of the present discontent back to that unhappy step. With the Osborne judgment on the eve of being reversed, are matters likely to improve? There is but one answer. With trade unions alone the men may go forward, as they did hitherto. With trade unions more and more closely allied to a parliamentary party the cut-throat becomes growingly serious.

DAY BY DAY.

Good sense and good nature are never separated, though the ignorant world has thought otherwise.

Gambblers.

Twelve men who were found gambling in a house were dealt with by Mr. Irving this morning.

Alleged Shrub-Cutting.

At the Police Court this morning a man was remanded in bail of \$25 on a charge of cutting shrubs without permission.

A Pick-Pocket Goes to Goal.

At the Police Court this morning a Chinese was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for picking pockets in Shaukiwan.

Case Dismissed.

A ricksha coolie appeared on a summons at the Police Court this morning charged with refusing to hire a rickshaw. The complainant did not appear however and the case was dismissed.

G. P. O. Fans.

Eight overhead fans have been installed above the counters in the General Post Office. This consideration for the perspiring public is greatly appreciated these days.

Bricklayer and the Slippers.

At the Police Court this morning a Chinese bricklayer was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment for stealing a pair of slippers valued at fifty cents.

"Royal Oak Day."

To-morrow is Restoration or "Royal Oak" Day, formerly observed very largely throughout England in commemoration of the miraculous restoration of King Charles II in 1650.

Obstruction.

A Chinese was fined \$2 at the Police Court this morning for causing an obstruction in Graham Street. For causing an obstruction in Bonhomme Street another Chinese was fined \$3 at the Police Court this morning.

Mines Output.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Limited, inform us that the output of the company's three mines for the week ending May 11, amounted to 30,891.03 tons and the sales during the period, to 25,728.55 tons.

Dead Bodies.

Nine dead bodies have been found in the open by the police. Two were picked up on buoys in the Harbour, one a skeleton; two at Sham Shui Po, plague victims; one at Wanchoi (plague); three in the Western District, including Kennedy Town; one at Causeway Bay on the breakwater; and one at Yau-ma-tei.

Thief Jumps into the Harbour.

A last-seconds finding he had been observed by a European constable following his occupation, jumped into the Harbour. The officer got a swimmer and fished him out of the water. At the Police Court to-day he was sent to goal for three months with hard labour.

Boatwomen Fined.

Two Chinese boat women, charged with disobeying the lawful orders of the Harbour Master, were fined \$10 each or in default 14 days' hard labour at the Marine Court this morning.

Embargo on Hongkong Steamers.

The Colonial Secretariat informs us that Newelwang is enforcing fumigation regulations similar to those prevailing at Shanghai on vessels from Hongkong from June. No vessels are permitted to be at the wharves unless they have been fumigated.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Leave of absence on private affairs, to the neighbouring countries, has been granted to the undermentioned Officers for the periods stated:—

Captain R. D. Crawford, R.G.A., from 15th June, 1912 (or date of departure) for two months. 2nd Lieut. H. A. Law, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., from 4th June to 27th July, 1912.

Privilege leave to the neighbouring countries has been granted as follows:—Captain H. C. Culter, 8th Rajputs, from 5th June to 3rd August, 1912, or date of availing; Lieut. A. G. White, 120th Baluchistan Infantry, from 1st June to 30th July, 1912, or date of availing.

Station leave has been granted to Captain W. A. Hagger, 120th Baluchistan Infantry, from 28th May to 3rd June, 1912.

COMPANY MEETING.

China-Borneo Co., Ltd.

The ninth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders in the China-Borneo Company was held this afternoon in the offices of the company, Mr. W. G. Darby, the general manager, presiding. Those present included:—Sir C. P. Chater, O.M.G., the Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Messrs A. Denison, A. J. Pomfret, A. Galluzzi, A. O. Lang, O. Baptista, J. W. O. Bonnar and the secretary, Mr. W. G. Japp.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman said:—

Gentlemen, with your permission we will take the accounts, which have already been in your possession for some days, as read. When you bear in mind the unfavourable trade conditions which existed here during the latter half of last year, I trust that you consider that the result of the year's operations are fairly satisfactory. They have enabled us, after making adequate provision for depreciation, to recommend the payment of the same dividend as last year, i.e. \$1.00 per share. The value of our stocks of rough and sawn timber is some \$15,000.00 more than last year. This is due to our having, towards the end of the year, considerably restricted our shipments of timber to China in view of the prevailing condition of the market and, under the circumstances, we may consider ourselves fortunate that our stocks are not higher than they are. They have been valued on a very conservative basis and in no case above the actual cost of production. As regards our prospects for this year, I am sorry to say that, as far as the local timber trade is concerned, there is as yet little or no sign of improvement, more especially in the market for Billian which, in normal years, we look to as our principal source of profit. Should the present state of affairs continue, it may, and probably will, seriously affect the result of this year's operations. I can only assure you that we are watching the situation very carefully and that we are in a position to take full advantage of any improvement that may set in.

There being no questions, the chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Denison seconded and the same were carried.

On the motion of Mr. A. C. Lang, seconded by Mr. Baptista, Sir Paul Chater was re-elected to the consulting committee.

Mr. W. H. Potts was re-elected auditor on the motion of Mr. Pomfret, seconded by Mr. A. Galluzzi.

That concluded the business before the meeting.

THE YAUMATEI MURDER.

Another Remind.

At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. C. D. Melbourne again remanded the three men charged with the murder of a youth at Yaumatei.

Mr. Lewis appeared for the defendant, Mr. Hodgson (the Assistant Crown-Solicitor) appearing for the Authorities.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Individual invitations are not being issued for the reception to be held at Government House on Monday next.

Ladies and Gentlemen attending the reception are requested to bring a card with their names written thereon, which should be handed to the A.D.C.

FIGHTING IN A TEA SHOP.

At West Point a number of men went into a shop and had some tea. Afterwards they raised a row about the charge, which was thirteen cents. They said they had paid ten cents. In the scuffle that ensued, one man was thrown down the stairs and injured on the head with a piece of firewood. He was sent to the hospital suffering from wounds on the head.

At the Police Court, this morning, one man appeared before Mr. Irving charged with causing the injuries and the case was remanded until the 1st June.

REFUSED TO OBEY.

Quartermaster who would not go on Watch.

Abraham Mohamed, quartermaster on board the s.s. Tenn was charged before Commander C. W. Beckwith at the Marine Court with unlawfully disobeying the lawful commands on board his ship while in the waters of this Colony on May 24.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. James Pencock, chief officer on the s.s. Tenn, stated that he ordered the defendant to go on watch on the gangway at 5.30 p.m., he having been off duty since noon. The defendant absolutely refused to obey the order and, after witness had given him some minutes to think it over, he sent for the water-police.

Defendant on being asked what he had got to say, said he wanted to go ashore and pay off. He was sent to prison for one month with hard labour.

THE GAS WORKS CASE.

Bail Reduction Applied For.

Two men are awaiting trial or remand in connection with alleged thefts from the Gas Works. There are two charges against them, one of larceny of the articles, and another of unlawful possession.

At the Police Court this morning Mr. Davidson made a strong appeal to Mr. Melbourne to have the bail reduced to under \$50 in the case of one man, and said that Mr. Shenton had intimated that he did not wish to press the first charge.

Sergeant Adlington said he did not object to a reduction on the present bail so long as the sum fixed was sufficient to bring the man to Court.

Mr. Davidson said that, since Mr. Shenton's intimation, there was really only one charge against the men.

Mr. Melbourne said he could not see his way clear to fix bail at a less surety than \$100. The original amount was \$150.

CHINA IN PARLIAMENT.

The Loans.

In the House of Commons on May 2 Mr. Fell asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if he has sanctioned the further loans which are being made to the Chinese Government by the groups of bankers representing certain Great Powers, and, if this is the fact, if he has sanctioned the terms which are being obtained from the Chinese Government for these loans, and if the independence of China is being safeguarded in the matter.

Sir E. Grey replied:—Certain advances are being made by a British financial group, in association with American, French, German, Japanese, and Russian financial groups, to the Chinese Government to meet their immediate requirements on conditions which appear to provide the necessary security. We have expressed approval of this proceeding, which, of course, entails no pecuniary liability upon His Majesty's Government.

Negotiations are now proceeding with the other Governments interested in regard to a reorganisation loan to China which will provide for adequate guarantees for the proper and useful expenditure of the proceeds and satisfactory security for the payment of principal and interest. Pending the issue of these negotiations I am not in a position to give any further information on the subject.

Mr. Fell: Can the right hon. gentleman say anything in regard to the independence of China being safeguarded in these negotiations?

Sir E. Grey: Nobody wishes to infringe the independence of China in any way. If China wants to borrow money, of course it is for those proposing to lend the money and the Government concerned to stipulate the conditions on which proper security shall be afforded. There is not necessarily in that anything to infringe the independence of China; but, of course, until the conditions are arranged I cannot say what they are.

ABSCONDING PARTNERS.

ONE CLEARS THE SAFE BEFORE GOING.

Summons which formed A Partner's Legacy.

At the Police Court this morning a story of an absconding partner was told to Mr. C. D. Melbourne in the course of hearing a case concerning unstamped receipts.

Mr. Holmes, representing the third partner, who had appeared on the summons left by the other two, said that the three men were partners in the Man Hing Distillery, and, on May 19, summonses for receiving monies without giving stamped receipts, as demanded by law, were served on the partners representing the firm. Since then, one of the partners had absconded and had cleared the safe, before leaving, of all the monies belonging to the firm. The second partner had made away to Canton and the only one left, who now appeared in Court to answer the summonses against the firm, had decided to carry on the business himself. He thought, perhaps, that by mentioning these facts those prosecuting might be able to go into the matter, and, if they did, he did not know whether or not the case would come up again.

A report had been made to the police at Causeway Bay Station that one partner had absconded, and had taken the money of the firm. It was very probable that these two men had received money, but, as far as the firm was concerned, it had not received any benefit from the accounts collected at all.

Mr. Melbourne:—You have the receipts here, one for \$32.40 and one for \$22. The receipts were given on behalf of the firm.

Mr. Holmes:—It is quite probable they were given. I do not know the facts, but only so far as I can judge. I am acting for one partner; the distiller.

Mr. Melbourne:—If this other man is not in the Colony the police must go and summons him. We cannot do anything. Both partners have gone.

Mr. Holmes:—On May 19, he reported to Causeway Bay Station that one of the partners had absconded and embezzled certain monies of the firm. I think it would be better if we had the case adjourned until enquiries could be made, unless the prosecution want to go on.

Mr. Melbourne (To Revenue Officer):—Why not take a remand? What day would suit you Mr. Holmes?

Mr. Holmes:—Almost any day. If the prosecution are going to proceed against this man, I suppose the summons will be amended.

Mr. Melbourne:—I suppose it will be possible to tell Mr. Holmes if you are not going on against this man?

Revenue Officer:—I am afraid I cannot tell, your worship. The case was remanded.

BALTIMORE HOTEL IN TROUBLE.

A Heavy Fine Inflicted.

At the Police Court, this morning, a man representing the Baltimore Hotel management was fined \$100 or, in the alternative, three months' imprisonment, for allowing prostitutes to use the hotel and for not keeping it in a lawful manner.

D. S. Terrell said that on the 20th inst. at two o'clock in the afternoon he visited the hotel, in consequence of complaints received and found prostitutes and sailors occupying the bedrooms and drinking beer. The women were Chinese and Japanese.

Mr. Irving said on the second charge for that offence he was entitled to a fine of \$200 or in default, six months. For a third offence \$500, or twelve months. If he could not keep an hotel without infringing women of ill repute to use it and carry on their business there, he had better give up hotel-keeping. He would fine him \$100 or, in the alternative, three months' imprisonment.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Empire Day.

"To read in your telegraphic news how enthusiastically Empire Day was celebrated in the overseas Dominions," says a correspondent, "makes one feel thoroughly ashamed at the lack of observation of the day in Hongkong. Australians and Canadians, many of whom have never seen the Old Country, appear to have thrown themselves into the festivities with an enthusiasm which one always associates with young, rising and progressive countries. Yet British Hongkong thinks it has done its duty when it arranges two dreary Church services for children and when three merchant vessels in harbour dress ship. How patriotic we are!"

It must certainly be admitted that Hongkong made a poor show on Friday, and it is to be hoped that next year some patriotic spirit will endeavour to secure a more general observance of the day by completing arrangements beforehand; the children should be especially remembered. But though Hongkong did not appear to act imperially on Friday, perhaps its leading personalities were thinking imperially instead. Thus they could claim to be following Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's advice.

Tailor for Sale!

"Cheong Hing, ladies and gentlemen's tailor and silk goods for sale." Thus reads a newly-erected business-sign in Kowloon. If the leaders of the tailors, strike at Home hear of this they will be citing it as another instance of the oppression of followers of their craft. It recalls the sign which was formerly displayed on the Ferry pier bookstall, "Dealer in Used Postage Stamps for sale." Can't the Government manage to suppress this traffic in human beings?

A Double Loss.

A Singapore contemporary tells us that an ardent revolutionary has lost a lot in discarding his queue. His name is Ang Chan and, according to the tale he has told the police, he went to Sheik Madrasah Lane in Singapore after having his queue cut off, to wash his head. A friend, Kwa Seow, went with him to help him in his ablutions, but the friend rubbed so little soap into his head and so much into his eyes that for the time he was blinded. When he could see, he found that Kwa Seow had departed and had taken with him a belt belonging to Ang Chan in which was \$122.

The Chit System

Mr. P. Z. Cret, the proprietor of the Grand Hotel, Penang, intends stopping the chit system at his hotel after the end of the current month. Will the example be followed in Hongkong? We wonder! And we had not done wondering when our eye caught the following in the "Straits Times":—

"The management of the Adelphi Hotel Singapore, has decided to discontinue the chit system so far as non-residents of the hotel are concerned."

BISHOP OF MACAO

Warm welcome in Singapore:

The Right Rev. Dom Joao Pavlino, Bishop of Macao, accompanied by Father Sarmiento, his secretary, Canon Soares, and a young religious student, arrived in Singapore on May 20 from Macao, via Hongkong, by the home-bound N. D. L. mail steamer "Prinz Ludwig." The Bishop was met on board and welcomed by the Vicar General and his two colleagues of the Portuguese Mission in Singapore, Fathers Braganca and Cardoso, and Mr. Francois Leonard, and they then drove to the new Parochial House in Victoria Street, where they are residing. It is understood, says the "Singapore Free Press," that the Bishop has come down here for the formal opening of the new and handsome cathedral of St. Joseph, and for the Confirmation and First Communion services. The presence amongst the Bishop's suite of Canon Soares must be very gratifying to the congregation of the Church of St. Joseph, of which he was vicar for many years, till his promotion to the grade of a Canon necessitated his departure from Singapore to take up his residence in Macao.

THE VALUE OF A VERANDAH.

TROUBLE IN THE OLD POST OFFICE.

Possible Further Litigation.

At the Supreme Court this morning Mr. Justice Gompertz, Puisne Judge, sitting in Summary Jurisdiction, continued hearing the case concerning a claim for damages for breach of contract.

Alexander Kotas, George Maidonis and George Tsamtsacopoulos, trading as tobacconists at the Old Post Office, sued Li Hing, trader of 152 Queen's Road, for \$100 damages for breach of a contract in which the defendant agreed to construct a verandah on premises occupied by the plaintiffs.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Crist of Messrs. Wilkinson and Crist, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardner, defended.

George Tsamtsacopoulos, one of the plaintiffs, said he had visited Mr. Hazeland's office with Mr. Kotas in connection with taking over the premises at the old Post Office. He said that he was asked \$375 per month rent; it being agreed that a verandah should be built in accordance with a plan, produced. On July 31 the lease was signed, and on various occasions he interviewed Mr. Hazeland on the matter of the verandah. Mr. Hazeland kept on putting him off saying "next week, next week." He had actually seen the verandah which had been stored below in Podder Street.

In cross-examination witness admitted that he understood if the Government did not give permission no verandah would be built.

Why did you not stipulate that a reduction of rent should be made if no permission was given?—Mr. Hazeland said that the Government would give permission.

A Verandah Essential.

Mr. Max Sternberg, son of the lessee of the other portion of the old Post Office, said he was present while his father was negotiating for his portion of the building. In his opinion the verandah was most essential to a business in the old Post Office. In fact, in his opinion the verandah was worth nearly half the shop.

Without the verandah you cannot display your goods properly?—No.

Mr. Alabaster:—You say that you value the shade of the verandah as almost worth the shop; what would you say would be the value of the shop with the verandah and without?—Well, I judge it by the amount I lost during the tiffin hour.

How much is that?—I estimate it about \$30 worth of trade a day.

How much do you take during the day?—Well, I should say from \$70 to \$200.

Do you contemplate taking an action against the defendant?—I have no say in the matter, my father has.

Do you think he will?—I can't say.

Mr. Potter:—In connection with what is he going to bring an action?—Because the defendant promised to build a verandah and did not put it up.

You say you are losing \$30 a day trade?—Yes.

About how much profit is that?—About \$15.

Hakoomul, who is also a tenant in the old Post Office, said he leased his position of the premises from the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs, when they leased him the premises, promised him a verandah.

He estimated he lost \$20 of daily trade through the absence of a verandah.

Waiting the Result.

Mr. Alabaster:—Have you made a claim against the plaintiff?—Not yet.

Why not?—I will see the result of this case.

Mr. Potter:—Have you been offered four-tenths of what will be recovered if the plaintiffs win this case, to satisfy any claim that you may have against the plaintiffs?—I don't know what you mean.

Did you receive a letter from Mr. Crist?—Yes.

Offering you \$400 out of \$1,000 if the plaintiff recovered \$1,000?—Yes.

Because at that time you were threatening the plaintiff with proceedings?—Yes.

You did not make a claim in writing but informed the plaintiff that you would claim from him because the verandah was not put up?—Yes.

Mr. Potter then called Mr. Crist, plaintiff's solicitor, who said he was consulted by Kotas in October over the case. Later Hakoomul was threatening Kotas with an action for not building him a verandah.

Mr. Alabaster submitted that there was no case for him to answer. The case put forward by his friend was "no-fault"—one that there was an agreement in writing and also that there was a verbal agreement. The point he was taking was on the evidence. It was that the plaintiffs had admitted that the conversation, with the defendant, was through an interpreter, by whom the promise was interpreted. They had not called the interpreter and therefore unless he was called, there being no evidence of the agency of Mr. Hazeland, all that portion of the case relating to the verbal agreement must be struck out, on the ground that it had not been proved. That only left the written agreement which could be disposed of in a few words. To prove a verbal contract with a Chinese through an interpreter, they must call an interpreter. The whole case of the verbal contract rested on the interpreter and they did not call him.

His Lordship:—I am not sure that it would not have been a wiser course to call the interpreter.

Mr. Potter:—There is ample evidence for our case to prove the agency of Mr. Hazeland.

His Lordship held that there was a case for the defence to answer.

The Defence.

Ernest Manning Hazeland, architect and civil engineer, of Queen's Road Central, said that early in July 1911 he became acquainted with the fact that the defendant's lender for the lease of the old Post Office premises had been accepted. Defendant gave him instructions to prepare plans for alterations, and he was told to send for the defendant if any enquiries were made as to the sub-letting of the premises. He was not in any way appointed agent for the defendant. In July last brought the two plaintiffs to him as probable tenants, and the second time they called, defendant was called for. At the first interview that took place, witness mentioned that a verandah might be erected, but he made no promise; neither did the defendant nor the interpreter. In fact, then, the plaintiffs did not appear to attach much importance to the verandah at all. Finally, on July 10, the lease of the premises was arranged for a monthly rental of \$375, but no mention was made of the verandah. A temporary agreement was then drawn up but, later, plaintiffs wanted a stipulation that no competing business should be accommodated. Defendant said he was prepared to make that agreement for an increase in rent. The cost of the verandah without erection, was \$1500, but the Building Authority, subsequently wanted a thicker type of pillar to support the roof.

In cross-examination, Mr. Hazeland said that a verandah would be of great importance to the ground-floor, and it would be easier to lease the ground floor with the verandah than without. Plans for the verandah were passed and, in October, a permit was applied for to erect scaffolding to carry out the work.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

Sequel to a Visit to Hongkong.

In the Portuguese Court at Bangkok an action was brought against Mr. J. Antonio, proprietor of the Charoen Krung Studio by Mr. Fleur de Lis, a former employee, for Tcs 123, wages due. Judgment was reserved. Mr. Antonio's defence was that, during his absence in Hongkong, the plaintiff was frequently drunk and that he disobeyed the written orders which defendant had left.

B. O. C. SPORTS.

Fine Weather and Excellent Events.

Thanks to the good work of the Committee and the extraordinary energy displayed by Mr. A. R. Ellis, the secretary, the B. O. C. Sports were a great success. The weather was delightful from the point of view of a spectator, though perhaps a little trying to the competitors.

If there was anything worthy of special comment it was certainly the running of Wilson. The Tyke (for he is a lad from the county of acres) did not in any way show speed, but he showed that doggedness and pluck which has characterised the County Cricket matches his countrymen have played against the Red Rose. In the Mile Championship he had Ellis as an opponent, but the latter was off colour and the Yorkshire scribe had nothing to best. In the half-mile handicap he conceded 50 yards to a Irish who led until about thirty yards from home. He thought the race was his, but Wilson put in a most commendable spirit and, caught the lower napping, ran a good race and deserved the applause he received. Gerrard's putting was also very fine and deserves mention.

Bundmaster Moss showed as much skill in compiling a programme as in wielding a baton, and delightful and appropriate music was discoursed by the band of the K.O.Y.L.I.

At the close, the prizes were presented by Mrs. Chatham who was accompanied by her husband, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works. The following are the results.

Long Jump (Amateur Championship of the Colony).—R. A. Carrvalho, 19ft. 1in. 1; P. B. Silva, 2.

100 yards flat race, scratch.—John Smith, 1; L. Goldenburg, 2. Time, 11secs. Won by two yards.

Cycle handicap, one mile.—A. E. Moyhing, son, 1; W. B. Musket, 50 yards, 2. Time, 3mins. 7.3-5secs. Coming up in the home straight, G. Lee (scratch) grazed Moyhing's back wheel, and fell.

Half mile (Amateur Championship of the Colony).—A. E. Coombes, 1; W. A. Wilson, 2. Time, 2mins. 17.3-5secs. Won by ten yards.

120 yards flat race, handicap.—J. M. Roza Pereira, 4 yards, 1; R. J. Judah, 10 yards, 2. Time, 12.3-5secs. A close finish.

Half mile flat race (open to soldiers, sailors and police).—Leo Cpl. Richardson, K.O.Y.L.I., 1; Pto. Duncley, K.O.Y.L.I., 2. Time, 2mins. 11.3-5secs.

120 yards hurdles (Amateur Championship of the Colony).—R. A. Carrvalho, 1; L. Goldenburg, 2. Time, 19secs.

Children's races, 100 yards, (under 12).—Girls—Miss Weill, 1; Miss Leonard, 2. Boys.—L. Marques, 1; B. Marques, 2.

High jump (Amateur Championship of the Colony).—F. B. Silva, 5ft. 0.1-2in. 1.

220 yards flat race, handicap.—R. J. Judah, 15 yards, 1; F. J. Brown, 14 yards, 2. Time, 22.2-5secs.

One mile flat race (Amateur Championship of the Colony).—W. A. Wilson, 1; A. R. Ellis, 2. Time, 5mins. 22.4-5secs. Won comfortably.

Cycle race, two miles, handicap.—G. Lee, 60 yards, 1; A. E. Moyhing, scratch, 2. Times, 6mins. 55secs.

Quarter-mile scratch race.—L. Goldenburg, 1. Time, 55.4-5secs. Won easily. In the home straight, L. G. Cordeiro appeared to have the race won, but a leg strain compelled him to give up.

Ladies' nomination race.—P. H. Murray, nominated by Miss Boanas, 1; L. Goldenburg, nominated by Miss Goldenburg, 2.

Putting the weight (Amateur Championship of the Colony).—G. E. Gerrard, 38ft. 6ins. 1.

50 yards race for children under seven.—Master Cotton, 1; Master Bird, 2.

Half-mile flat race, handicap.—W. A. Wilson, scratch, 1; R. J. Judah, 50 yards, 2. Time, 2mins. 20.2-5secs. A very fine finish, won on the tape, after a neck and neck race up the straight.

50 yards wheel-barrow race.—L. Goldenburg and A. R. Ellis, 1; P. H. Murray and F. J. Brown, 2.

Team race, each man 100 yards.—Murray's team (P. H. Murray, W. A. Wilson, R. J. Judah and J. M. Roza Pereira), 1. Won easily. Consolation race, 120 yards.—L. G. Cordeiro, 1.

Prize Donors.

The members of the Boys Own Club beg to tender their thanks to the following subscribers and Prize donors to the Sports.

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LOCAL SPORT.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

Civil Service v. Chinese Recreation Club.

The Civil Service team visited the C. R. C. courts on Saturday, and after some splendid play they won by 57 games to 42.

League Table.

Below we give the League table corrected up to and including last Saturday's matches:—

	P.	W.	L.	Pts
Queen's College	4	4	0	8
Wigwam	3	2	1	4
Y. M. C. A.	3	2	1	4
Kowloon	3	2	1	4
Civil Service	3	2	1	4
Craigengower	3	1	2	2
Chinese Recreation	3	1	2	2
Chinese Y. M. C. A.	4	0	4	0
Club de Recreio	4	1	3	2

INTERPORT RIFLE MATCH.

With the exception of Mr. Gregory's 99, scoring at the practices last weekend was somewhat disappointing, the average for a team being only 90.

It is proposed to have a further practice on Wednesday, 29th, at 3.30 p.m. and on Saturday June 1, at 3 p.m. on the King's Park Range.

The Team will be picked at the conclusion of Saturday's practice, and it is proposed to fire off the match on Monday June 3, at 7 a.m.

THE LOANS.

Shanghai Chinese Protest Against Foreign Auditors.

A new society has been formed by Liu Neo-show, Pei Ya-yiao, two well-known Chinese actors in Shanghai, and many merchants. The object of the Society is to protest against the employment of foreign auditors to supervise the expenditure of the big loan. The first meeting was held at 2 p.m. on May 20, in the native Theatre on the Chinese Bund, Shanghai. Over one hundred persons were present. T. C. chairman, Tai Tien-shou, said the Budget drafted by Mr. Hsiung Hai-jing, the Minister of Finance, is untrue. He declared that the appointment of the Commissioners of Customs to audit the expenditure will result in China suffering the fate which befel Korea. The meeting unanimously decided to protest against the appointments of foreign auditors. Afterwards cabarets were despatched to the President, the Ministers, and the provincial authorities, as well as to the Advisory Council, which said that they never will accept the loan agreement. They have telegraphed Mr. Hsiung informing him that they will treat him as an enemy of China if he does not cancel the loan agreement with the Six Powers group.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Catholic Loyalty—And Other Things.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir:—In his address to the Catholic children of Hongkong on Friday, Father Spada has given the lie direct to the foolish fanatics and busy-bodies at home who—groping after manna's nests—announce from time to time that our Catholic fellow-subjects are disloyal to the Empire. "You owe obedience to the laws of the land, and respect to the Country and its Rulers," the Catholic Church teaches you that," said Fr. Spada; and, whatever misunderstandings and mud-throwings, there may have been, on either side, in the past, I think that most level-headed people will agree that Catholic Britishers have learnt their lesson well—witness the conduct of the Irish troops during the Boer War. Bearing in mind this last point, it is to me inconceivable that Kipling (Lyon, Kipling—the creator of the inimitable Mulvaney!) could be so carried away by his enthusiasm as to cast a gratuitous slur on the Faith to which Ireland has clung so lovingly and so loyally. Who, after all, can be more loyal to his king than the man whose religious allegiance is unswerving?

Speaking of Kipling and his poem, reminds me that a writer for whom, personally speaking, I haven't a great deal of use—one, James Douglas, to whom you referred the other day—has been attacking the great Master, in the Home press, alternately damning him with faint praise and abusing him like a pick-pocket. Incidentally our Jimmy has, however, blundered on to something like sense and truth when he virtually accuses Kipling of writing for money. Unquestionably Kipling wrote "The Absent-minded Breggar," or money—money which went to a good cause.

It has been said, and I believe with some truth, that Kipling's price for a short story is half a crown a word—with the right to reproduce the story in book form and draw big royalties thereon. If the same rule applies to his poems, it is easy to understand the temptation to churn out drivel. The born Shyemster—the man "whose boots canna stir without ohirruping and skreeking"—would experience no difficulty in knocking together a poem of "The Absent-minded Beggars" calibra in an hour or so. But makes all that. The point is, that the labourer is worthy of his hire; and the man who can produce "The Story of the Gadabouts," "Tomlinson," "They," "Brugglesmith" or "the Bruiishwood Boy" (with the lines on insomnia that accompanied it) would not be overpaid were he to receive a king's ransom for his work.

Yours, etc.,

Hongkong, May 27, 1912.

DON'T FORGET.

To-day.
Bijou Theatre 9.15.
Friday, May 31.
Noon. Watkins, Ltd. Annual Meeting.
Saturday, June 1.
12.15 p.m. Twenty-seventh Annual general meeting, A. S. Watson and Co.
Monday, June 3.
King's Birthday, General Holiday.
Parade of Troops on Cricket Ground.

Today's Advertisement

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Hongkong, 15th January, 1912. [21]

G. NOTICE.

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(Sd.) W. CHATHAM, Water Authority, Public Works Department, Hongkong, 27th May, 1912. [401]

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SHANGHAI	HONGSANG	Sunday, 2nd June, Daylight.
TIENSIN via WEIWEI, CHIPSHING	...	Monday, 3rd June, Daylight.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Saturday, 8th June, 2 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 2nd JUNE.

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N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MONDAY, 3rd JUNE.

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Destination	Steamers	Sailing Dates.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ALEXANDRIA	KITANO MARU, Capt. F. E. Cope.	TUESDAY, 4th June, at Daylight.
YOKO, PAFANO, COLOMBO, SOERABAYA & PORT SAID	IYO MARU, Capt. R. Takeda.	WEDNESDAY, 19th June, at Daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via Suifu (at Moji), Kobe, Yokohama, Oni, Suwayzu & Yokohama	KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. K. Anayama.	TUESDAY, 4th June, at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Hongkong, Townsville and Brisbane	TAMBA MARU, Capt. S. Wada.	TUESDAY, 18th June, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI & SEATTLE via Suifu (at Moji), Kobe, Yokohama, Oni, Suwayzu & Yokohama	NIKKO MARU, Capt. Yagi.	FRIDAY, 7th June, at Noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Hongkong, Townsville and Brisbane	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler.	FRIDAY, 6th July, at Noon.

SHANGHAI & SEATTLE via Suifu (at Moji), Kobe, Yokohama, Oni, Suwayzu & Yokohama	TANGO MARU, Capt. F. Kawano.	THURSDAY, 6th June.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Hongkong, Townsville and Brisbane	"WAKASA MARU," Capt. N. Nielson.	WEDNESDAY, 5th June.

SHANGHAI & SEATTLE via Suifu (at Moji), Kobe, Yokohama, Oni, Suwayzu & Yokohama	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler.	WEDNESDAY, 5th June, at Noon.
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KAMAKURA MARU	7,000	K. Fuda	June 4th.
TAMBA MARU	7,000	S. Wada	June 18th.

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T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	STEAMERS.	To SAIL.
HAIPHONG	"SUNGKIANG"...	30th May 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"...	30th May 4 p.m.
AMOI, NINGPO & SHAI	"ICHANG"...	31st May 4 p.m.
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For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:

S.S. SCANDIA.....5th June.

For Marseilles, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. ANDALUSIA.....13th June.

For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. BAYERN.....14th June.

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO	4000	M. O. Smith.	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	THURSDAY, 30th May, 4 p.m.
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TjitaroomJAVA.....2nd half May...JAPAN.....2nd half June.

TjibodasJAVA.....1st half June...SHANGHAI...1st half June.

TjipanasJAPAN.....1st half June...JAVA.....1st half June.

TjiliwongJAVA.....1st half June...JAPAN.....1st half June.

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S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	June 4th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	June 25th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyō Maru"	11,000	W. W. Green	July 23rd, Noon.

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Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon.
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon.
Bayo Maru	10,500	Friday, October 4, Noon.

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LOG BOOK.

Warnings to Mariners

The following warnings to mariners are issued (April 20) from the Hydrographic Office, Washington.

Borneo—East coast—Makassar

Strait—Tarakan Island—Shoal

reported.—The master of the

steamer Bullmouth reports a shoal

with a least depth of 4 fathoms

over it, consisting of sand and

coral, southwestward of Tarakan

Island, east coast of Borneo, in

(approximately) latitude 3 degrees

10' 40" N, longitude 117 degrees

35' 42" E.

China Sea—Banka Island—

Northeast coast—Goat Reef—

Buoy discontinued.—The Nether-

lands Government has given

notice that the black buoy mark-

ing Goat Reef northeast coast of

Banka Island, has been discoti-

nued.

Approx. position: Lat. 2 degrees,

12' 03" S, Long. 100 degrees,

20' 06" E.

China Sea—Billiton Island—

Non-existence of reefs to north-

ward.—The Netherlands Govern-

ment has given notice that the

following reefs off the north coast

of Billiton Island, China Sea, do

not exist and will be expunged

from the charts.

The reef reported in 1877 by

the Empress of China in (ap-

proximately) latitude 2 degrees,

FAR EASTERN NAVAL SQUADRONS.

BRITISH.						
Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.	Commander	Reported at
Alacrity	Despatch-boat	1,700	4	2,000	Comdr. A. Lowndes.	Hongkong
Astrak	2nd class cruiser	4,380	10	7,000	Captain E. B. Kiddle	Shanghai
Atlas	Admiralty tug	615	—	1,400	—	Hongkong
Bramble	Gunboat	710	—	900	Com. B. G. Washington	Kiukiang
Bitomart	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-Com. J. M. Barker	Hankow
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Capt. H. Lynes	Hankow
Cambrian	2nd class cruiser	4,380	10	7,000	Capt. J. E. Drummond	Hongkong
Chacab	Water tank and tug	390	—	340	Master W. Smith	Hongkong
Ohio	British sloop	1,970	—	1,400	Comdr. H. R. Veale	Canton
Fama	Torpedo-boat destroyer	340	6	5,700	Lt.-Com. H. S. Monroe	Hongkong
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Cpt. C. F. Corbett M.V.O.	Shanghai
Handy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt.-Com. R. R. Roseman	West River
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	320	6	3,000	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Hongkong
Kent	2nd class cruiser	9,800	14	22,000	Capt. Allen T. Hunt	Chingwantao
Kinsla	River gunboat	615	—	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Hankow
Merlin	Surveying ship	1,070	6	1,400	Capt. F. C. C. Pasco	Hongkong
Minotaur	Armoured cruiser	14,000	—	27,000	Capt. G. C. Cayley	Hongkong
Munmouth	Armoured cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. L. E. Power, M.V.O.	Hongkong
Moorhen	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith	West River
Newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,800	—	22,000	Capt. G. P. E. Hunt D.S.O.	Hongkong
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	—	240	Lt.-Comdr. M. Murray	Yangtse
Otto	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Comdr. Lambie	Hongkong
Pegasus	Protected cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. F. H. Mitchell	Yangtse
Prometheus	3rd class cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. P. H. Warleigh	Hongkong
Ribble	T.B.D.	590	0	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. J. S. Tyndall	West River
Rosario	Depotship for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. E. J. J. Touthby	Hongkong
Snipe	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtse
Taku	Torpedo boat destroyer	305	—	0,000	Lt.-Comdr. Brickenden	Hongkong
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,650	6	—	Comdr. Eyres	Hongkong
Teal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Com. Hon. Guy Stopford	Chungking
Thistle	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-Com. M. Baillie Hamilton	Hankow
Uak	T.B.D.	590	0	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. B. W. Bluett	Shanghai
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	390	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Swatow
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt.-Com. H. L. Hancock	Hongkong
Welland	T.B.D.	590	0	57,000	Lt.-Com. E. T. Chambers	Shanghai
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	5	5,900	Lt.-Com. G. B. Hartford	Hongkong
Widgeon	Gunboat	195	2	800	Comdr. M. H. Wilding	Kiating
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtse
Woodpecker	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Mulock	Hankow
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Submarines:—						
No. 36,	Lt. Comdr. Godfrey Herbert					
No. 37,	Lt. Comdr. A. A. L. Fennor					
No. 38,	Lt. Comdr. J. R. A. Codrington					
T.B. 035,	Lt. Comdr. Woodward,	West River.				
T.B. 036,	Lt. Comdr. Davies,	West River.				
T.B. 0 7,	Lt. Comdr. Nicol,	West River.				
T.B. 038,	Lt. Comdr. Seymour,	West River.				
AMERICAN.						
A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. McC. Murray	Olongapo
A-4	"	—	—	—	Lt. E. D. McWhorter	"
A-6	"	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	"
A-7	"	—	—	—	Ensign C. M. Yates	"
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	"
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lt. C. S. Graves	Yangtze River
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lt. R. Hill	"
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. S. W. Oake	Canton
Chauncey	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. F. J. Fletcher	Yangtze River
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com. S. S. Robinson	Shanghai
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign J. L. Oswald	Olongapo
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. B. H. Green	Yangtze River
Eleanore	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Houston	"
Helena	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,988	Com. R. H. Jackson	"
Mohican	Tender-submarine	1,000	0	1,100	Chief Gun. J. Mitchell	Olongapo
Monadnock	Monitor	3,900	0	3,900	Lt. E. P. Svarz	—
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	4	5,244	Com. H. A. Wiley	Swatow
Panama	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. C. A. Woodruff	So. P. Waters
Piscataqua	Gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Pompey	Sea going tug	854	2	1,000	Lt. S. W. Wallace	Hongkong
Quinos	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	Lt. R. V. Lowe	Shanghai
Rainbow	Gunboat	350	2	208	Lt. J. W. Schoenfeld	Yangtze River
Savannah	Cruiser	4,380	14	1,800	Lt. Comdr. A. N. Mitchell	Cruising
Savannah	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. E. D. Washburn, Jr.	Iloilo
Saratoga	Armored cruiser	8,115	14	17,401	Commander H. A. Bingham	Wuchang
Villalobos	Gunboat	370	8	208	Ensign H. A. McClure	Yangtze River
Wilmington	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,801	Commander W. A. Edgar	Hongkong
Wompatuck	Tug	482	—	650	Chief Boatsw. P. E. Radcliffe	—
Flagship of Rear Admiral Reginald F. Nicholson, Commander China Squadron.						
Flagship of Rear Admiral Joseph B. Murdock, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Asiatic Fleet						
VESSELS TEMPORARILY ON ASIATIC STATION.						
Buffalo	Transport	6,000	0	3,400	Comdr. C. M. Stone	Swatow
Colorado	Armored cruiser	13,680	18	23,000	Capt. W. A. Gill	Olongapo
California	Armored cruiser	13,680	18	23,000	Capt. A. S. Halstead	Olongapo
West Virginia	Armored cruiser	13,680	18	23,000	Capt. A. S. Halstead	Olongapo
Flagship of Rear Admiral W. H. H. Southard						
GERMAN.						
Pruden	Cruiser	3600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Rostoff	Tsingtau
Gneisenau	Armoured cruiser	11,600	30	20,000	Captain v. Usalar	Tsingtau
Ilitz	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Varselov	Tsingtau
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Belinck	Tsingtau
Lutcha	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tsingtau
Nurnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Morsberger	Tsingtau
Otto	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen	Yangtze
Scharnhorst	Flagship	11,000	30	20,000	Capt. Rosing	Shanghai
S. 90	Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lut. Borrenberg	Tsingtau
Taku	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Oblt. z. S. Olaszen	Tsingtau
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Luppe	Tsingtau
Tsingtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lut. Frhr. Firoks	Canton
Vaterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Oblt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai
FRENCH.						
Dupleix	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Vergos	Japan
Kleber	Armoured cruiser	9,700	12	10,600	Capt. Gourts	Tonkin
Decadee	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lt. Vandier	Hankow
Argus	River gunboat	180	0	570	Lt. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lt. de Gervillier	Canton
Polho	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lt. Collin	Tongku
Dondard de Lagree	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. Dupuy Duteemps	Tohcong-kin
Flagship of Rear Admiral Colloche de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Boluix	Saigon
Protée	Submarine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Styx	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lt. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde	Destroyer	350	7	303	Lt. Aurillac	Saigon
d'Iberville	Destroyer	180	7	300	Capt. de Frigate Romieux	Saigon
Pistolet	Destroyer	307	0	300	Comdr. de Marquessac	Saigon
Mousquet	Destroyer	307	0	300	—	Saigon
Manoche	Surveying ship	1,625	10	9,000	Com. Voisin	Saigon
Flagship of Commandore Beuclaux, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.						
Eleven torpedo-boats at Saigon and Tonkin.						
PORTUGUESE.						
Macao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	—
Tygo	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. J. Milheiro	—

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, May 23, 1912.

BUTCHER MEAT.

		Cts.
Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut—Mei Lung Pa	lb.	20
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	"	20
" Roast—Shiu	"	20
" Breast—Nga Lam	"	16
" Soup—Tong Yuk	"	15
" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	"	20
" do.—Sirloin Coton—Ngau Lau	"	30
" Sausages—Ngau Chung	"	24
Bullock's Brains—	Know	per set 9
" Tongue fresh—Ngau Li	each	45
" corned—Ham Ngau Li	"	60
" Head—Ngau Tan	"	0
" Heart—Ngau Sum	"	12
" Lump—Ngau Kin	"	18
" Feet—Ngau Kask	"	9
" Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	"	9
" Tail—Ngau Mei	"	18
" Liver—Ngau Kon	"	12
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	"	6
Calve Head & Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set	\$1
Mutton Chop—Yeung Poi Kwat	lb.	22
" Leg—Yeung Poi	"	22
" Shoulder—Yeung Shau	"	20
Pigs Chittlings—Chu Chong	"	22
" Brains—Chu Know	per set	22
" Feet—Chu Kark	lb.	12
" Fry—Chu Chak	"	25
" Head—Chu Tau	"	15
" Heart—Chu Sum	each	13
" Kidneys—Chu Yiu	"	9
" Liver—Chu Con	lb.	30
Pork Chop—Chu Pai Kwat	"	20
" Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	"	—
" Leg—Chu Poi	"	24
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	"	15
Sheep Head and Feet—Yeung Tau Kark	set	50
" Heart—Yeung Sum	each	0
" Kidneys—Yeung Yiu	"	9
" Liver—Yeung Con	l.	24
Sucking Pigs To Order—Chu Chai	"	22
Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau	"	20
" Mutton—Sang Yeung Yau	"	22
" Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk	"	20
" Sausages—Ngau Chai Chung	"	20

POULTRY.

		Cts.
Chicken—Kai Chai	lb.	32
Capon, Large, Small—Sin Kai	"	32
Ducks—Ap	"	30
Doves—Pan Kau	each	10
Eggs Hen—Kai Tan	per doz	25
Fowls Canton—Kai	lb.	35
" Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	"	30
Geese—Ngor	"	24
Goose, Wild—Shang-ho Yea Ngor	pair	—
Musk Deer—Wong Kang	each	—
Hare, Shanghai—Tui Chai	"	—
" artridge—Che Khoo	"	—
Pheasant—Shan Kai	pair \$	1
Pigeons Canton—Pak Kup	"	30
" Hoihow—Hoi How Pak Kup	"	25
Quail—Um Chan	"	—
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Choul	dozen	—
Snipe—Sa Choy	each	—
Turkeys Cook—Phor Kai Kung	lb.	65
" Hen	"	40
Wild Ducks, Shanghai—Shang hoi Sui Ap	"	—
Teal—Sui Ap Chai	"	—
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang-Shing Sui Ap	"	—

FISH.

		Cts.
Barbel—Ka Yu	lb.	8
Bream—Bin Yu	"	17
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	"	17
Carp—Li Yu	"	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	"	18
Codfish—Mun Yu	"	18
Crabs—Hoi	"	18
Crabs—Hoi	"	18
Crabs—Hoi	"	18
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	"	15
Dace—Wong Mei Lun	"	20
Dog Fish—Tit Tu Sa	"	8
Eels, Congor—Hoi Mann	"	10
" Fresh water—Tam Sin Yu	"	15
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	"	28
Frogs—Tien Kai	"	30
Garoupa—Sek Pan	"	28
Gudgeon—Pak Kup Yu	"	12
Herrings—Tao Pak	"	18
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kup	"	24
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	"	10
Loach—Wu Yu	"	28
Lobsters—Lung Ha	"	20
Maokarel—Chi Yu	"	24
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	"	24
Mullet—Chai Yu	"	28
Oysters—Song Hoo	"	20
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	"	15
Perch—Tau Looy	"	15
Pike—Fa Paw Poong	"	8
Plaice—Pan Yu	"	18
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	"	22
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	"	24
Pawnee—Ming Ha	"	48
Ray—Pai Pa Sa	"	9
Rock Fish—Sek Ka Kung	"	15
Shark—Chan Yum	"	10

肉食

Salmon—Ma Yan Yu	lb.	24
Shark—Sa Yu	"	9
Skate—Po Yu	"	10
Shrimps—Hla	"	28
Snapper—Lap Yu	"	24
Solos—Tai Sa Yu	"	20
Tonch—Wan Yu	"	18
Turbot—Cho Hoi Yu	"	22
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kork Yu	"	56
White Bat—Ngau Yu Chai	"	—

FRUITS

		Cts.	
Almonds,—Hung Yau	lb.	25	杏仁
Apples (California)—Kam San Ping Kho	"	25	金生平菓
" (Chefoo)—Tin Ohun Ping Kho	"	15	天津平菓
" Small,—Hoi Tong	"	—	海葵
" Custard,—Fan Lai Chi	each	—	番枝
Bananas, fragrant, Canton,—San Shing Heung Chiu	lb.	4	城香蕉
" (brides), Macao,—San Heung Chiu	"	4	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,—Foong Lat	"	15	風栗
Caranbola,—Yeung Tuo	"	—	楊桃
Cocconuts,—Yeh Tse	each	13	椰子
Lemons, China,—Ning Moong	"	8	檸檬
" American,—Kam San Ning Moon	"	8	金山檸檬
Lichees Dried,—Lai Chi, small Stone	b	25	荔枝乾
" Fresh	"	10	荔枝乾
Limes (Saigon)—ni Kung Ning Moong	each	13	西貢
Mango, Manila,—Lai Sung Moong	"	10	呂宋芒
Mangosteens,—San Chuk Tse	doz	25	山子
Oranges (Canton)—San-shing Tim Ching	lb.	15	省甜橙
" Sweet	"	20	橙
Pears (American)—Kam San Shoot Lry	"	—	金山梨
" (Canton), Cooking,—Sa Lay	"	10	梨
Peanuts,—Fa Sang	"	10	紅
Persimmons Large,—Hung Chie	"	—	本地波梨
Pine-apples, 1st quality,—Poon Ti Paw Law	each	10	中等波梨
" 2nd —Chung-tang Paw Law	"	8	大瓶
Plantain,—Tui Chou	lb.	3	紅梨
Plums,—Swatow, Hung Lai	"	6	通粉
Pumelo, Siam,—Chim Lo Yau	each	25	上海粉
" Shanghai,—Lo Kwat	"	—	合桃
Walnuts,—Hop Tuo	lb.	14	生桃
" Green,—Sang Hop Tuo	"	—	金山西瓜
Water Melon,—(Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each	—	西瓜
" (China) Sai Kwa	"	—	生番
Grapes,—Sang Po Tai Tse	lb.	—	生番

COMMERCIAL.

Shanghai Share Report.

Mosses, J. P. Bisset & Co. in their latest report state:—

The market continues very dull and featureless. Langkats show a further decline to Tls. 68.00 and shares may be obtained at this figure.

Following is the business recorded:—

May 10.—Astor House 6 per cent. Debentures Tls. 100 cash. Langkats Tls. 68 cash. Ayer Tawab Tls. 13 cash. Senayangs Tls. 20.1-2 cash. Anglo-Javas Tls. 6.00 cash. Gulus Tls. 12.15 cash. Kota Bahros Tls. 5 cash. North China Tls. 141.30 cash.

May 11.—Central 8 per cent. Debentures Tls. 100 cash. Municipal 6 per cent. (1912) Tls. 102 cash. Cathay Trusts (ord.) Tls. 3.35 cash. Chong Tls. 3.70 cash. Cathay Trusts Tls. 7 cash. Telephone Tls. 61 cash.

May 12.—Anglo-French Lands 6 per cent. Debentures Tls. 100 cash. Langkats Tls. 69 and 68 cash. Gulus Tls. 12 cash. Waterworks Tls. 290 cash.

May 14.—Municipal 6 per cent. Debentures (1912) Tls. 102 cash. Central 8 per cent. Debentures Tls. 99 cash. Langkats Tls. 67 cash. Anglo-Javas (ex div.) Tls. 6.35 cash. Chong Tls. 3.70 cash. Cathay Trusts Tls. 7 cash. Telephone Tls. 61 cash.

May 15.—Municipal 6 per cent. Debentures (1912) Tls. 102 cash. Langkats Tls. 67 and 68 cash. S. & H. Wharfs Tls. 17.1-2 cash. Kota Bahros Tls. 5 cash. Anglo-Javas Tls. 6.35 cash. Cathay Trusts Tls. 7 cash. Trams Tls. 53 cash. Central Stores Tls. 8.65 cash.

May 16.—Cathay Trusts Tls. 7.1-4 cash. Municipal 6 per cent. Debentures (1912) Tls. 102 cash. Langkats Tls. 68 cash. Chong Tls. 3.70 cash. Zingbes Tls. 3.25 cash. Shanghai Gas Tls. 85 cash. Weeks \$22 cash.

Russo Asiatic Bank.

The Russo-Asiatic Bank has informed the "Shanghai Mercury" that they are in receipt of a telegram advising that the Board of Directors in St. Petersburg have declared a dividend of 9 per cent. for 1911, i.e. Rbs. 10.875 per share of Rbs. 125. The dividend is payable in two instalments at any of the Branches of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, one instalment of Rbs. 5.437 on June 1, 1912 and another of Rbs. 5.437 on December 1, 1912.

Rice Exportation.

Saigon and Bangkok have no immediate intention of closing their ports to the exportation of rice. This is the information contained in cablegrams received from the American consuls at Saigon and Bangkok and made public on May 23 in Manila by Secretary Aranceta, of the insular rice committee.

Publication of the report that both Saigon and Bangkok would soon prohibit the exportation of rice led insular officials to query the American representatives in the Indo-Chinese rice districts. Their replies indicate that the prohibition of rice exportation is not proposed for the near future.

P. & O.

Why Amalgamation is Desirable.

With reference to the removal of P. & O. amalgamation to which we referred recently, the "Daily Telegraph" remarks:—

It is now a recognized axiom in shipping matters that it is essential to the general well-being of the lines traversing any given route that they should be under one administration. This was realized by the German companies many years ago, with the result that the mercantile marine of Germany is controlled by about fifty men, of whom perhaps a dozen may be said to monopolize the administration. A similar state of affairs is rapidly coming into existence in this country, and, while the North Atlantic route is now dominated by a mere handful of men, the same thing applies to South America and the Cape. Within a few months it is expected that Australian shipping, so far as the British flag is concerned, will be placed on a similar basis.

P. & O., B. I. and Orient Lines Should Unite.

To organize the Australian shipping business upon modern lines, it is necessary that the P. & O., the British India, the Orient, and one or two other concerns should be brought under one administration. For the purpose of arriving at a mutual working basis, it has been necessary to analyze and appraise the assets of the different concerns, and those of the P. & O. Company have been found to be worth the equivalent of £200 per £100 of deferred stock. It is not likely that the deferred will reach this figure, but there is every indication that it will stand higher than it does now. On the present basis of market value, the £1,160,000 deferred stock of the P. & O. is worth £1,000,000, while the price of £122 now ruling for the £100,000 preferred stock represents £1,152,000, making with £1,800,000 of debenture stock, a total of £2,952,000. The assets, however, are calculated to have a breaking-up value of £9,000,000, so that the deferred stock is still quoted substantially below its maximum value.

P. & O. Must Lead.

In any scheme of consolidation the P. & O. must remain the predominant partner, and there is no disposition in any quarter to dispute this, so long as the company agrees to become a party to the general consolidation which has been pressed upon it for many months past. One effect of the arrangements now in hand will be to enable the respective companies trading to Australia to dispose with a large number of old vessels which are obsolete as regards construction, and expensive in working. This will immediately produce an improvement in working charges. Sailings will also be reduced with a view to economizing waste, while dock administration expenses will be curtailed. These and other savings will run into a vast sum annually, and they have weighed with those who have recently bought P. & O. deferred and are prepared to go on long so long as there is any stock in the market.

Some Figures.

In the last P. & O. accounts the reduced valuation of the fleet, before allowing for the year's depreciation, was £3,617,003, and on this the "ordinary" depreciation was £425,042, or 11.65 per cent. In addition, £134,500 of "extra" depreciation was provided for, making £559,542 in all, or at the rate of over fifteen per cent. In the last three years the rate of depreciation on the whole fleet has been 8.7, 11.7, and, lastly, 15.2 per cent. That this is not exceptional may be shown by taking another group of three years—1904 to 1906, inclusive—when the rates of depreciation were 12.4, 15.3, and 11.0 per cent. on the book valuations. As to what ships cost, we have it in the accounts of 1906 that seven steamers of 49,100 tons were taken in at £1,163,023, or over £23 per ton, and, in the 1909 accounts, that four others (including those now three, four, and five in the fleet) of 38,520 tons cost £1,136,880, or over £29 per ton. And the whole fleet stands in the books at under £7 per ton, without taking the reserve into consideration, or at a little over £4 a ton when that is deducted from the book value. The rise in the deferred stock virtually was taken to represent market capitalization of the hidden reserve implied by the low valuation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 1st day of June, 1912, at 12.15 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1911.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 28th May, to SATURDAY, the 1st June, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1912. [891]

Consignee.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "CATHERINE APTAR,"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that the goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at consignee's risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 2 p.m. of the 29th May, will be landed at consignee's risk and expense. Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their goods from alongside, such cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hong Kong, 27th May, 1912. [329]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

R. M. S. "MONTAGLE."

THE above mentioned steamer having arrived from Vancouver, Victoria and Japan Ports, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon Godowns, where delivery can be obtained.

Goods on hand after the 1st June will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns and this office notified, when arrangements will be made for examination.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

D. W. CRADDOCK, General Traffic Agent.

Hong Kong, 27th May, 1912. [400]

"SEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLARG."

FROM LEITH, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 6th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1912. [390]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "TENYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA.

The above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on MONDAY, 27th inst., at 5 p.m., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on SATURDAY, the 1st June, afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or godown and examination of same to be arranged.

All claims must be filed on or before the 6th June, otherwise they will not be recognized.

S. MORITOMO, Agent.

Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1912. [18]

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GEORGE HOGG, Manager.

3, Queen's Road, Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1912. [19]

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st April, 1912. [18]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "PRINZ SIGISMUND,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns and extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, where delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon on the day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd of June, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd of June, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must be made on or before the 10th of June, 1912, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOHERS & CO., General Agents.

Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1912. [19]

NOTICE.

THE DRAGON CYCLE DEPOT has found it necessary to remove from No. 63, Des Voeux Road Central to more commodious quarters, and will for the future be located at No. 24, Des Voeux Road Central, next to P. & O. Office.

We solicit your kind patronage as you have extended to us in the past, and using you of the very best of attention.

We beg to remain, Yours Faithfully,

DRAGON CYCLE DEPOT, Phone No. 482.

Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1912. [898]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP, \$1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of Hong Kong Property at 6 per cent.

Advances made on Merchandise.

Loans made on U.S. Provident Bonds (Rates and Particulars on application).

Advances on U.S. Bonds or U.S. Stocks.

TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS OF WILLIS, ATTORNEYS, etc.

U.S. Bonds and U.S. Stocks.

THEY WATSON & CO., General Managers.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1912. [14]

Banks

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAYMENT CAPITAL: \$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND: \$10,000,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF FRO: \$10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

R. H. ARNOLD, Esq., Chairman; Andrew Forbes, Esq.; G. F. Frieland, Esq.; G. R. Gubbay, Esq.; G. R. Latham, Esq.; F. Lieb, Esq.

OFFICE MANAGERS:

Hong Kong—N. J. STARR; Shanghai—A. G. STEPHEN.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON COUNTY AND WESTCHESTER BANK LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. Annually on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.

N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1858.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL: £1,200,000.

RESERVE FUND: £1,650,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS: £1,200,000.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

W. DICKSON, Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st April, 1912. [22]

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP: Sh. Tael 7,500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS—BERLIN.

BRANCHES:

Berlin, Calcutta, Canton, Hamburg, Hankow, Kobe, Peking, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS:

Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENTS.

DIRECTOR DER DISKONTO GESellschaft.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts. DEPOSITS received on term which may be varied on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

R. TIMMERSCHIEDT, Manager.

Hong Kong, 9th Oct., 1911. [2]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital: £1,500,000.

Subscribed Capital: 1,125,000.

Reserve Fund: 562,000.

HEAD OFFICE:

40, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C. 2.

BRANCHES:

Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Madras, Manila, Peking, Rangoon, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.

AGENTS IN JAPAN:

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

BANKERS:

Bank of England, London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Stocks and Shares bought and sold on account of Constituent. Letters of Credit granted on Agents and Correspondents all over the world.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum.

Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

F. C. WOODS, Manager.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1912. [14]

Exchange

Selling. Buying.

T/T. Demand 2-1/16

80 d/s 2-1/16

80 d/s 2-1/16

4 m/s 2-1/16

T/T. Shanghai 74

T/T. Singapore 80

T/T. Japan 149

T/T. India 149

T/T. Demand India 150

GENERAL NEWS.

Chefoo's Record Tide.

The Chefoo "Morning Post" reports that the morning tide of May 18 reached the highest mark that has been known in Chefoo for many years; at half-past ten o'clock it was only about a foot from the top of the Kaiping jetty bunding.

Re-opening of Peking University.

The Chinese Government University at Peking was formally reopened on the 15 inst. Sir John Jordan, the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, was present. The "Shanghai Mercury" reports that Minister Tsai Yuan-poi addressed the students in a most able manner. Sir Robert Braden, who kindly lent the services of his band, also spoke and made a good impression on the audience.

Chinese Ex-magistrate Reprieved.

The death sentence passed upon Yao Yung-shi, the ex-magistrate of the Sanyang district, Kiangpoh, has been commuted by the President to a fine of \$10,000 to be given as compensation to the families of the two revolutionists, who were murdered by him, and to ten years' imprisonment in the gaol of the native city. The Police in the city have been ordered to watch him carefully.

Rinderpest in Philippines.

Reports received from Iloilo from Dr. Ward, chief veterinarian of the bureau of agriculture, now set forth that the rinderpest outbreak there has been confined to the three towns at first infected, and it is not believed that it will spread further.

Dr. Taylor, chief of the bureau, stated on May 23, that the situation had very much improved and was well in hand.

Conditions in Panlacar have also very much improved and the control over the disease there is now so complete that the trouble is believed to be practically at an end.

A Varied Career.

The "Shanghai Times" remarks that Captain the Hon. Olive Bigham, C.M.G., who has been appointed secretary to the inquiry into the losses of the Titanic, over which his father, Lord Morsey, is presiding, has had a singularly versatile career as soldier, diplomat, and war correspondent. He took part in the first Peking expedition of twelve years ago, having previously acted as British Attaché in the Chinese Capital, as well as at St. Petersburg, Constantinople, and elsewhere.

Chinese Unwilling to Lose General Huang.

A Chinese paper states that General Huang Hsin, the Supreme Commander of the Southern Army in Nanking, has received several telegrams from Peking persuading him to remain at his office. General Huang, however, declined. It is reported that President Yuan Shih-kai has sent General Chiang Tsou-ping, the Vice-Minister of War, to Nanking to succeed General Huang. The General Chamber of Commerce, Self-Government Society and the Agricultural Society in Nanking have presented petitions to General Huang Hsin praying him to remain in office during these troublous times.

ROBBERY ON S.S. TENYO MARU.

Lady Loses Jewels Worth \$8,600.

Early on the morning of May 21 a thief broke into the cabin on-board the Tenyo Maru occupied by Mrs. E. J. Hill, and as a result the secret service of Manila have been asked to do their best to discover the whereabouts of jewelry to the value of P.3,500. The gems, consisting for the most part of rings, had not been placed under lock and key, nor—as is advised by the company—handed over to the purser for safe keeping, and the thief can have had little difficulty in securing them.

The "Manila Times" states that Mrs. Hill is well known in San Francisco society as an artist of ability, and her tour in the Orient is to end with her return on the Tenyo Maru. She reported her loss to the officers of the ship, who immediately put the matter in the hands of the secret service, who have made a search of most of the servants and are still prosecuting inquiries.

RIVER TROUBLE AT SHANGHAI.

Pirates Fire on Police.

It is not many days since Shanghai was startled by the news that a foreign wharfinger had narrowly missed being killed by the bullets from weapons of river pirates, who recently have grown bold in the successes which have been theirs. The news of a still further desperate escapade of a foreign constable, E. W. Messinger, came to hand on May 22, says the "Shanghai Times." From the many details which have been received, the story is one of great excitement, in which the prompt action of the Municipal police saved a gang of river pirates from escaping and later to commence again their nefarious calling. Between the hours of three and four o'clock in the morning, a gang of pirates took possession of a small cargo boat on the Pootung side of the river. Having commandeered this small craft, they manipulated it down stream until they came to a junk near Yangtszepoo, which they knew to be laden with cloth. They were soon aboard, and those on the boat offering little resistance, the cargo boat was soon full of cloth, and all the money on which they could lay their hands, was also stolen. Then desirous of further spoil, they threatened the occupants of the junk and obtained from them jewellery and other valuable articles. The cargo boat cast away from the junk and made its way up river. Whilst on the return journey it was evident that some discussion arose as to the division or disposal of the ill-gotten cloth and valuables, and the angry voices of the men throw the attention of P. C. Messinger, who was on duty at the time.

A Plucky Constable.

He gave chase, but he had not proceeded far when the crack of a firearm broke the stillness of the morning, followed quickly by others. It was evident that he was the target of the men in the cargo boat, which was making with all possible haste towards the Soochow creek. The constable, noting that the marksmanship was bad, kept at a respectful distance, though he did not neglect to give warning by blowing his whistle. The crack of the firearms, the continuous sound of the police whistle, brought the shoremen to the bank of the river, and they noted the direction in which the cargo boat was going. The desperadoes seeing that escape by water was impossible attempted to land at the Chapoo Bridge, but in this they pursued a foolish method. They had fallen into a trap, so an eye witness told our representative, and they were at a loss to know what to do. The police were on both sides of the river, and in an attempt to elude them, many of the robbers jumped overboard and attempted to swim to a place of safety. An Indian, who was near by, plunged in after them, but the robbers had a fair start and three of them got clear away, one of them forcing a ricksha coolie to drag him along as quickly as he could. All the others were arrested. They were marched to prison, and whilst on their way, the two men who had escaped, attempted to speak to their confederates, but Sergeant Pedersen noticing the action, promptly arrested them. On board the boat, a number of swords and revolvers were found as well as the booty. All were brought up at the Mixed Court before Magistrate Kuan and Mr. O. F. Garstin, British Assessor. It was decided to land the men over to the Native City for trial, and in the afternoon they had a hearing at the Nantao Court, and were ultimately remanded in custody.

R. G. Knowles' Operation.

R. G. Knowles, the comedian, whose engagement at the Grand opera house, Manila, was cut short by his sudden illness, was operated upon on May 23 at St. Paul's hospital by Dr. N. M. Saleeby. The following day, says the "Manila Times," it was reported that Mr. Knowles was well on the road to recovery, but it is impossible to state whether he will recover sufficiently to enable him to reopen his engagement.

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe. Letters for this route should be superscribed via Siberia.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hapeh, Huenan and Tientsin.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Shanghai
May 8th May 25th

MAILS DUE.

German, Dordflinger, 29th inst.
Siberian, Linn, 29th inst.
Siberian, Budlow, 31st inst.
American, Korea, 10th prox.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 29th May, 10 A.M.

Swatow—Per Tungshing, 29th May, 11 A.M.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 29th May, 1.10 P.M.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki (Europe via Siberia)—Per Dordflinger, 29th May, 5 P.M.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Sungking, 30th May, 8 A.M.
Japan via Kobe—Per Tjitareem, 30th May, 8 A.M.

Batavia, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Tjikini, 30th May, 11 A.M.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Persia, 30th May, 11 A.M.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chenan, 30th May, 3 P.M.

Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 30th May, 3 P.M.

Japan via Moji—Per Kajima, 30th May, 5 P.M.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa and Foochow—Per Hailshing, 31st May, 10 A.M.

Straits, Ceylon and India via Tuticorin—Per E. F. Ferdinand, 31st May, 11 A.M.

Straits and Borneo—Per Fakila, 1st June, 10 A.M.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuossang, 1st June, 1 P.M.

Japan via Kobe—Per O. Apear, 1st June, 2 P.M.

Sandakan—Per Maussang, 1st June, 3 P.M.

Amoy and Formosa—Per Ichang, 31st May, 3 P.M.

Shanghai and North China—Per Linn, 1st June, 5 P.M.

Shanghai and North China—Per Hangsang, 1st June, 5 P.M.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver (Europe via Siberia)—Per Montague, 1st June, 5 P.M.

Tientsin—Per Chipping, 3rd June, 11 A.M.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Mattra, 4th June, 10 A.M.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hailan, 4th June, 10 A.M.

Keelung, Shanghai, Northern China and Japan via Moji, Victoria, B.C., and United States via Seattle—Per Kamakura, 4th June, 3 P.M.

Philippine Islands—Per Kwifong, 4th June, 3 P.M.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Kilanoma, 4th June, 5 P.M.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Singan, 6th May, 8 A.M.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chin-lun, 6th June, 3 P.M.

Straits, Borneo, Ceylon, Aden, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi, Late Letters 11 A.M. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents. (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 7th June, at 5 P.M.—Per Delta, 8th June, 11 A.M.

Philippine Islands—Per Loongang, 8th June, 1 P.M.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe—Per Namsang, 10th June, 11 A.M.

Philippine Islands, Angaur, Yap, Priedrich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Horbetsch, Matupi, Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania via Brisbane—Per Prinz Sigismund, 15th June, 9 A.M.

Shanghai and North China—Per Kwangtai, 28th May, 3 P.M.
Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Michael Jensen, 30th May, 9 A.M.
Straits and Ceylon—Per Borneo, 29th May, 9 A.M.
Japan via K. bu—Per Prinz Sigismund, 28th May, 5 P.M.
Swatow—Per Haimun, 2nd June, 9 A.M.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Carl, Dordflinger, Ger. s.s., 774, Ch. Japanen, 27th May—Haiphong 28th May, Gen.—J. & Co.

Catherine, Ger. s.s., 1,730, L. W. Hamlyn, 27th May—Calcutta 18th May, Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Choising, Ger. s.s., 1,02, J. Binhu, 10th May—Bangkok and Swatow 9th May, Rice—D. & S.

Fakila, Br. s.s., 2,697, W. E. Whitlingham, 28th May—Bangkok 23rd April, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Halvard, Nor. s.s., 1,066, O. Andersen, 27th May—Bangkok and Swatow 25th May, Gen.—C. S. S. N. Co.

Hongkong Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,453, Sugan, 21st May—Coronel 1st April, and Moji 10th May, Coal—T. K. K.

Kamakura Maru, Jap. s.s., 6,126, K. Syoda, 28th May—Seattle, Wash., U.S.A., Flour—N. Y. K.

Koan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,146, H. Mygum, 24th May—Moji 18th May, Coal—M. B. K.

Locksun, Ger. s.s., 1,020, W. Taubert, 23rd May—Saigon 19th May, Rice—B. & S.

Mario, Ger. s.s., 1,169, Schalkin, 20th May—Saigon 16th May, Gen.—J. & Co.

Maniang, Br. s.s., 1,311, Weigall, 26th May—Sandakan 24th May, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Michael Jensen, Ger. s.s., 551, J. Petersen, 23rd May—Saigon 19th May, Gen.—J. & Co.

Montague, Br. s.s., 3,903, W. Davidson, 26th May—Vancouver 2nd May, Mail and Gen.—O. P. R. Co.

Ningpo, Br. s.s., 1,228, T. W. Pickard, 24th May—Canton 23rd May, Gen.—B. & S.

Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,018, G. Wenzel, 12th May—Bangkok and Haiphong 7th May, Rice—B. & S.

Ponglong, Br. s.s., 998, W. Boteloh, 25th May—Saigon 21st May, Rice—B. & S.

Sabine Rickman, Dr. s.s., 573, E. R. O'Brien, 26th May—Haiphong 24th May, Ballast—A. P. O.

Sosho Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,119, K. Sugawa, 27th May—Canton 26th May—O. S. K.

Sungking, Br. s.s., 943, H. Mathias, 24th May—Haiphong and Haiphong 23rd May, Gen.—B. & S.

Tenyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,203, J. Bent, 26th May—San Francisco 24th April, Mail and Gen.—T. K. K.

Tjitareem, Dutch s.s., 3,650, P. Zwart, 26th May—Macao 19th May, Ballast—J. O. J. L.

Wahlu, Br. s.s., 1,227, Howard, 24th May—Canton 23rd May, Gen.—B. & S.

Zafiro, Am. s.s., 3,042, M. O. Smith, 27th May—Manila 24th May, Haiphong—S. T. & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Mike Maru, for Yokohama.

Nippon Maru, for San Francisco.

Araceli, for Antwerp.

Haiphong, for Foochow.

Alghar Prince, for Yokohama.

Prinz Sigismund, for Yokohama.

Munaster Castle, for New York.

Tian, for Haiphong.

Calchas, for London.

Teenkai, for Nagasaki.

Kwangtai, for Shanghai.

Kumang, for Calcutta.

Hongkong, for Haiphong.

Kwangse, for Canton.

Mathilde, for Haiphong.

Sangba, for Bangkok.

Sosho Maru, for Haiphong.

Borneo, for London.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

Eastern Extension.

List of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Eastern Extension Office at Hongkong:—

Allegory, from Shanghai.
Anghiko, from Manila.
Coresa, from Vinh.

Cheongai, C/o Kitsang, C/o Tunglunglung, from Medan.
Chingquanchun, 8 Kingsing Street, Wanchai, from Vancouver, B. C.

Chofonsoing Chop Kongsang-kong, No. 48 Fongham, Kuala Lumpur.
Cow Dock Jung Cow, Seven Connaught Road, from Reno, Nev.

Doyamatomogusa, Care Japan-ose Hotel, from Thursday Island.
Fangky, from Nandini.
George Desbrie, from Manila.

Helsing, Care Eastern Extension Telegraph, from Yunnanfu.
Hongsing, Westpoint, from San Francisco.

Hunelongue, Pathongkaihow Street, from Port Louis, Mauritius.

Kear, Hongkong Hotel, from Cavite, P. I.

Kiankee, from Rangoon.
Kwongchun, from Manila.
Kwonghuijooing, from Medan.

Kwongyak, from Singapore.
Mansfield, from Manila.
Memoria, from Liverpool.

Narciso, from Manila.
Nordloyd Wickera, from I. o-sangelescal.

Oborleutnant Caesar Schiiff Patricia, from Stottin.
Ohak, from Singapore.

Pearman, King Edward Hotel, from Shanghai.
Pogkee, 78 Jervois Street, from Hobart.

Poignand Passenger "Goeben," from Alorstar.

Poste Yantchuong, Yaumati, from Chobo.

Songul, from Ceba.
Suzukiura, Care Matousara, from Thursday Island.
Switzer Solano, from Manila.

Tanchonsen Chop Gumseng-chiang, from Singapore.
Thun, from London.

White Passenger "Chiyo Maru," from Shanghai.
Yuenxuung, from Saigon.
0033, from Foochow.
1158, from Tientsin.

Hongkong 24 May, 1912.
J. M. Beck,
Superintendent.

Great Northern.

List of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Great Northern Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong:—

Anatolia.
Bowhangchong.
Kuechoong.
Weedil.

0008, 3883, 0088, 2490, 3141, 1781, 3458.
2050, 4637, 6198.
9852.
H.K. Station, 24th May, 1912.

E. V. Jensen,
Acting Superintendent.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on May 1, 1912.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

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Mail Steamers.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL S. N. CO.

Will despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on or about the DATES noted:—

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL ON REMARK

LONDON & ANTWERP: S. S. Borneo, Capt. W. H. S. Hall, At 10 A.M. Freight and Passage.

HANGHAI: S. S. Simla, Capt. G. D. Goldsmith, n.s.n., About 3rd June. Freight and Passage.

SHANGHAI: S. S. Acadia, Capt. S. Barchan, About 6th June. Freight and Passage.

LONDON, VIA CANAL PORTS OF CALL: S. S. Delta, Capt. E. P. Martin, n.s.n., Noon, 8th June.

For further particulars, apply to H. W. D. WALLARD, Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 23rd May 1912.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL ON

NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG: S. S. Bulow, Capt. H. Fornes, 16,000, On FRIDAY.

SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, KOBE and YOKOHAMA: S. S. Derfflinger, 17,000, About THURSDAY, 30th May.

MANILA, ANGAUR, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE: S. S. Prinz Sigismund, Capt. L. Lenz, 6,000, SATURDAY, 15th June, at 10 A.M.

KOBE and YOKOHAMA: S. S. Prinz Sigismund, Capt. L. Lenz, 6,000, TUESDAY, 28th May, at 6 P.M.

RUDAT & SANDAKAN: S. S. Borneo, Capt. F. Semblil, 6,750, Middle of June.

All the steamers of the Imperial Line are fitted with Wireless Telegraphy. New System of Telephones.

For further Particulars, apply to NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD MELCHERS & CO., GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG and CHINA.

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Hongkong-South China Coast Ports.

Highest Class, Fastest and Most Luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having splendid Accommodation for First-Class Passengers. Electric Light. Excellent Cuisine.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW AND RETURN. (Occupying 9 to 10 days.)

STEAMSHIPS. CAPTAIN. LEAVING. HAICHING... W. C. PARSONS... FRIDAY, 31st May, at 11 A.M.

HAITAN... J. S. ROACH... TUESDAY, 4th June, at 11 A.M.

HAIVANG... J. W. EVANS... FRIDAY, 7th June, at 11 A.M.

During the months of June and July—Return available for three months will be issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on the usual rate to Foochow.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN. (Occupying 3 Days.)

HAIMUN... A. H. STEWART... SUNDAY, 2nd June, at 11 A.M.

Steamers will arrive at and depart from the Co.'s Wharf near Bluff Pier. For Freight and Passage, apply to Douglas, Lapraik & Co., General Managers.

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

Mail Service